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Barth Continues His Operations

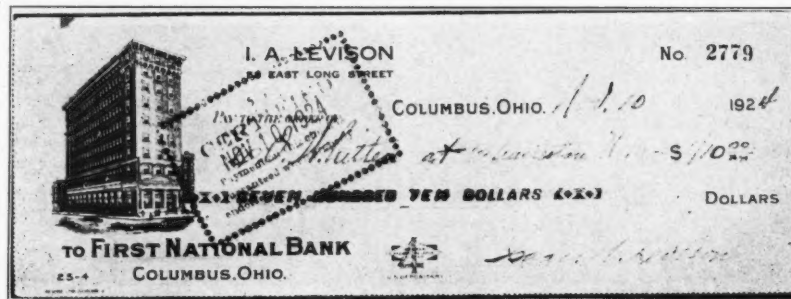
WITHOUT varying his method, R. W. Barth continues to be successful in defrauding banks through his check forgeries.

Although the plan of his operation was broadcast in the December issue of this protective supplement, Barth was successful in perpetrating this fraud in Utica and Rochester, in New York State, and also in Washington, D. C. The operator failed in Syracuse, N. Y., and in Roanoke, Va., due to the caution of the tellers in the banks who took steps to verify the depositor's indorsement before turning over the cash to the "boy with the note."

To secure the specimen signatures and other desired data, he poses as a representative of R. G. Dun & Co. or Bradstreets, as well as the National Surety Company. A boy always appears in the bank with the check bearing the forged indorsement of a depositor and a note requesting that the money be put in an envelope. Another reproduction of a check recently used is given above. It will be noted that a peculiarity in all cases is in the writing of the payee's location (at Charleston, W. Va.)

following his name. The attention of all tellers is also directed to the certification stamp which appears to be the same on all checks.

* Apparently the only way this swindler can be quickly apprehended is through a teller acting as though he was complying with the request, but placing something other than money in the envelope, then having the boy followed for the purpose of arresting the real criminal, at the same time having a watchful eye for an accomplice, who unknown to the boy follows him into the bank and is in a position to witness every move the teller makes. At the slightest sign of question or delay, a signal is



A check that Barth forged in November

passed and both crooks disappear, leaving only the messenger to explain.

These operators are working a smart game. Their success is due to carelessness on the part of bankers who overlook an excellent opportunity to increase, rather than decrease, their good will with customers by insisting upon verification of the depositor's indorsement direct, as the Roanoke and Syracuse bankers did.

Buying Bonds With Worthless Checks

W. O. WRIGHT, alias Milton Slattery, defrauded an Oakland, Cal., bank by the old formula of building up confidence and then striking. He opened an account at one bank with a worthless draft drawn on the First National Bank of Cincinnati, and rented a safe deposit box, filling it with envelopes, ostensibly containing bonds. While dealing with the first bank, the operator talked about buying one of their customer's place of business and eventually secured the confidence of the bank official, who gave

the operator a card of introduction to the

*W. O. Wright
Milton Slattery
484 Forty St.*

bond department of another bank.

The operator then went to this bank and, on the strength of the card of introduction, he purchased Liberty bonds for which he gave his personal check on the Bank of Italy, College Avenue Branch, Oakland, Cal., which turned out to be worthless. He is described as 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, stocky build, brown eyes, sandy brown hair, ruddy complexion, small patch of gray hair at back of head, talked with a southern accent. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

The Menace of Mail Thief Forgers

A MAIL thief forger is becoming a menace to banks in New York City and within a 500-mile radius. His method of operation is the old one of stealing letters containing checks from the mail boxes of the addressees and using the stolen checks as models for forgeries. After the stolen check has served its purpose, he usually remails it to the proper party.

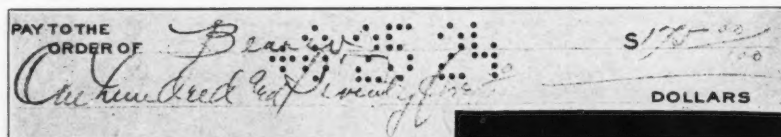
The handwriting appearing in the body of these forged

checks is characteristic and easily recognized. If you will call to the attention of your tellers the handwriting reproduced herewith, and instruct them to verify by telephone bearer checks which they are in doubt about cashing, this operator's success can be ended

and his arrest effected quickly only through the prompt action of alert tellers.

Though many banks have been victimized, we are unable to furnish a reliable description of the operator, as most tellers cannot even recall the transaction.

Due to the delay in discovering these forgeries, there is no clue to the identity of this man, and we must rely on the cooperation of our members to apprehend him.



The handwriting of the mail box thief forger

The Stranger's Golden Welcome

By JAMES E. BAUM

Deputy Manager, Protective Department

FORGERIES, including worthless and bogus check operations, cause an annual loss of more than \$100,000,000, according to the statistics of fifty insurance companies. The bankers' portion of this huge burden is roughly estimated at one million dollars, of which more than 90 per cent is handed to strangers by a few hundred of the thirty thousand banks in this country.

A heavy proportion of these losses, plus overhead expenses and the insurance companies' profits, is spread over all the insured banks in the form of insurance premiums. All the insured banks are, therefore, saddled with this golden tribute to crooks. The situation is unwarranted, unfair and unworthy of sound banking, and the time has come for a halt. Losses suffered through the errors of a credulous minority must

be reduced, so that the mistakes of the few will not penalize the vast majority of banks exercising due diligence.

Thirty years ago the American Bankers Association appointed its first Protective Committee, and throughout this long period has strongly advocated PREVENTION, rather than DETECTION, of fraud. The Protective Supplement, carrying this message to all members every month, has also sounded enough warnings to make the request of any stranger a subject for POSITIVE identification BEFORE advancing funds. Accepting signatures as those of your customers, on either checks or letters, as proof of identity without direct verification, is no more excusable than cashing a stranger's one-day note.

Every teller should realize that he holds

the right of delay in cashing checks, including those drawn on his bank and payable to "cash" or to "bearer" for at least two reasons: (1) To determine if the signature is genuine, and (2) to ascertain whether the maker or indorser has sufficient funds on deposit to pay or otherwise make the check good. This being true of checks which ordinarily are payable ON DEMAND, there is no defense for this golden welcome to glib strangers, unless it is due to the bank's willingness to speculate on credit risks.

All member banks are therefore urgently requested to heed the warnings in Protective Bulletins and thereby profit from the experience of a cross-section of our entire membership.

Old Operators Are Active Again

THE work of the old offenders is in evidence again. EDWARD CHARLES POMERY, alias James I. Covington, alias Martin Eddy, alias F. D. Hartford, one of



Edward Chas. Pomeroy

*Martin Eddy
eighty eight & 50*

the old operators whose picture appears over this article, is again active. Recently he de-

frauded a bank in Fort Pierce, Fla., and also a bank in Covington, La., with bogus certified checks which were made up on blank forms in both cases. Both checks purported to be drawn by some firm of attorneys, whose names were stamped on the check with a rubber stamp. The last check was drawn on the Chapman National Bank of Portland, Me., and signed Dean and Eddy, Attorneys, by Abner Eddy, and bore the forged certification of the Portland bank.

Pomery is described as 42 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height, weighs 138 pounds, has red hair, blonde mustache, delicate build. A specimen of his handwriting, which is especially noticeable owing to the peculiar style, is reproduced.

N. B. BRACKENRIDGE, recently released from the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., where he served a three-year term, has resumed fraudulent operations. He appeared in Shreveport, La., claiming to be interested in the Dolberr and Carson Lumber Company, redwood manufacturers, and said this company was considering opening a branch office in Shreveport. He deposited

in a Shreveport bank a worthless draft in a large amount, drawn against the Dolberr and Carson Lumber Company, Eureka, Cal.; then issued several post-dated checks, which, of course, were worthless.



N. B. Brackenridge

Brackenridge is described as being 55 years of age, about 6 feet tall, weighs 185 pounds, has florid complexion, light hair, is cross-eyed and wears glasses, has the appearance of a fairly prosperous farmer.

Counterfeits Cashier's Checks

GEORGE LAUGHLIN defrauded a member bank at Springfield, Ill., as well as several others in nearby cities by means of counterfeit cashier's checks of the National City Bank and the Chemical National Bank, both of New York City. The checks are filled

13 The National City Bank of New York 13	
NEW YORK, N. Y. DEC 5 1924 192 No. 2713	
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	GEORGE LAUGHLIN \$ 50.00
***** FIFTY DOLLARS ONLY *****	
Cashier's Check	
CASHIER	
Insured Against Fraudulent Alterations — Protected by The William J. Burns Int. Detective Agency, Inc.	

out with rubber stamps and type-writer, and signed G. S. May as cashier. They bear the following legend across the lower part of the check "Insured Against Fraudulent Alterations — Protected by The William J. Burns Int. Detective Agency, Inc."

Bogus Railroad Checks in Circulation

THEODORE HAWKINS, who assumes the rôle of a colored minister or a Pullman porter to aid him in his check forgeries, is active again. Several articles have been published in the Journal Supplements from time to time concerning the activities of this colored operator. Recently he has been successful in passing himself off as a Pullman porter or cook and is cashing bogus payroll checks. His usual method is to open an account with a bank using a small deposit in cash and then appear a day or so later with a bogus payroll check, part of which he wishes to have credited to his account,

at the same time obtaining a small advance in cash on the check.

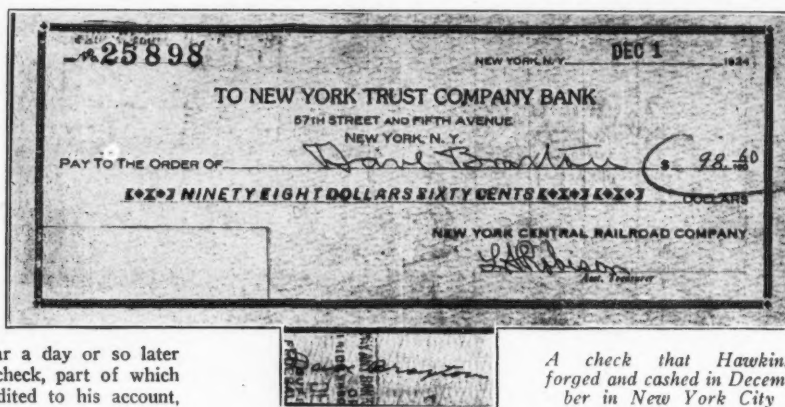
His description is as follows: 48 years

of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 135 to 140 pounds, medium build, black complexion, black and kinky hair, neatly trimmed Charlie Chaplin mustache, wears gold-rimmed spectacles.

His latest check and indorsement is reproduced here.

Backhand writing on the face of the check is characteristic, and while the writing of the indorsement is in a different style, it was evidently written by the same hand.

We are reproducing his latest check with indorsement.



A check that Hawkins forged and cashed in December in New York City

Warning

L. C. ANDERSON defrauded a customer of the Union National Bank of Johnstown, Pa., with a worthless check drawn on the Northwestern National Bank of Minneapolis, Minn., purporting to be signed by A. C. Deiterich, treasurer of the Great Northern Flour Mills of Minneapolis. He is understood to be flooding Pennsylvania with similar worthless checks. As yet no description is available.

C. C. CURTIS defrauded a member bank at Havre, Mont., with forged checks against the account of Larson and Johnson, signed "M. E. Larson." Curtis is described as 44 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 160 to 170 pounds, blue eyes, light brown hair, ruddy complexion. His picture is reproduced herewith.



Claude C. Curtis

JOHN ASBERRY defrauded a member in St. Louis by forging the name of his employers, the Rogeman Manufacturing Company, to a check which he had stolen from an old check book and which he induced the bank teller to cash. He is described as follows: 25 to 28 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 170 to 180 pounds, dark complexion, dark hair, smooth shaven, dressed as working man.

RALPH C. AVERY, who represented himself as an agent of the Dalton Adding Machine Company, defrauded a member bank at Canton, Miss., with a worthless check purporting to be signed by D. E. Robinson, vice-president of the Robinson Auditing Company of Salt Lake City. He

is described as about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, blonde hair, slightly bald, wears horn-rimmed glasses, is a smooth talker and very well dressed. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

Ralph C. Avery

FRED H. BECKOM defrauded a member bank at Kokomo, Ind., with forged notes. It is believed he went to California. He claims to be a solicitor for industrial insurance. He is 29 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 160 pounds.

ROBERT W. BOSSE caused a member bank in Cincinnati to sustain a loss by kiting worthless checks. He maintained accounts with several banks in Cincinnati and passed checks between them. At the same time he raised as much money as possible on notes and mortgages on his personal property and then disappeared. He operated a retail shoe store at Madisonville, Ohio. He is described as 49 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, gray hair, light complexion, brown eyes, smooth shaven, wears glasses, neat dresser. His handwriting is reproduced.

Robert W. Bosse

DAVE BRANNAN defrauded a member bank at Bakersfield, Cal., by forging the signature of their depositor to a check which they cashed. Brannan stole three checks from his employer, the Stiles Construction Company, and copied signature from a paid check to one of the stolen checks. His description is as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds, mixed brown and gray hair, gray eyes, very thin face, sharp features. He

claims to be an ex-soldier with overseas service and dresses like a laborer.

JOHN J. BUNN defrauded a member bank at Philadelphia by changing the date on a check drawn to his order by the Flanungo Sugar Mills, Inc., Walter G. Shaw, treasurer. He claimed to have lost this check and a duplicate was issued. He cashed both and was last heard of at Shamokin, Pa.

"SUGARBABE" COURTNEY, well known in and around Columbia, Aiken, Augusta and Atlanta, defrauded a customer of a member bank at Orangeburg, S. C., with a worthless check, which bore a forged certification. The check was dated at Allentown, Pa., and drawn on the Bethlehem Trust Company. This bank is not at Allentown, but at Bethlehem. Courtney was aided by one C. B. BAILEY, alias Johnson, who has disappeared.

A man using the name of **J. C. COWGER** attempted to defraud a member bank at Tampa, Fla., with a draft supposed to have been issued by a bank at Little Rock, Ark., on their New York correspondent. Cowger was supposed to hold notes in the amount of several thousand dollars, secured by mortgage on the property of R. C. Kent. The draft was to be surrendered to Cowger on delivery of the notes and mortgage to the bank. The whole transaction was a fraud, but the operator was unsuccessful in securing any funds in Tampa.

A man using the name of **HARRY J. DAVIS** and described as 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighing about 150 pounds, attempted to defraud a member bank at Montgomery, Ala., with a check drawn on the Franklin National Bank of Washington, D. C., which he had induced a depositor of the bank to indorse, after which he raised it to a larger sum.

J. S. DALTON attempted to defraud the Central National Bank of Tulsa, Okla., with a bogus check purporting to be drawn by the Tulsa Oil and Land Co., signed by the secretary, Geo. W. Weber. He is described as 60 years of age, weighs 150 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches tall, gray hair, smooth shaven, wears glasses. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced below.

J. S. Dalton
Geo. W. Weber

C. A. DREW, alias George Bedell, alias Chester A. Barrett, defrauded a member bank at Island Pond, Vt., with bogus checks drawn on the Second National Bank of Nashua, N. H., at which bank neither the names of Barrett nor Bedell were known.

JOHN DURKIN, alias Samuel Dixon, alias John Lynch, defrauded a member bank of Philadelphia by forging the name of Ed. Bennis & Co., coal dealers, to a check. He is described as 19 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, florid complexion, black hair, inclined to stoutness.

G. W. D. EMERSON defrauded a member bank at Cambridge, Mass., by forging the signature of one of their depositors to a check, which was not discovered until the vouchers were returned.

BRUCE GREGG, about whom a warning article appeared in a previous issue of the Journal Supplement, has dropped the bogus Postum Cereal Company checks in favor of those purporting to be drawn by the Kellogg Corn Flake Company, on the Central National Bank of Battle Creek, Mich., paper, and supposedly signed by Thos. F. Burton and C. E. Elkins. They are payable to Walter L. Malone. He is described as 28 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, slender build, light hair and complexion. His handwriting is reproduced.

Thos. F. Hudson
R. L. McLaughlin

A. B. HALL attempted to defraud a member bank with checks for small amounts drawn against the Southington Bank and Trust Company, of Southington, Conn., in which bank he never carried an account. He was formerly an agent for a manufacturing concern in Connecticut and is defrauding their customers.

NEWTON HOUSE, JR., defrauded a member bank at Winthrop, Mass., with a worthless check drawn on the Commonwealth Atlantic Bank of Boston by Newton House, Sr., to which he had forged the indorsement of one of the Winthrop bank's depositors. He is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 130 pounds,

Mail-Box Thieves

MEMBERS are warned to be sure that persons presenting checks are properly identified, as mail-box thieves are stealing checks which are good and forging the indorsements of the payees. This type of crime is difficult to detect as it is some time before the real payee notifies the maker that the check has not been received. Always insist upon proper identification.

light complexion, good appearance. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Newton House Jr.
Newton House Sr.

ALBERT JOHNSON defrauded a member bank at Anaconda, Mont., with a check which he raised from eight to eighty dollars. He was working as a ranch hand and is described as follows: 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slightly bald, wore glasses and is a Swede.

ROBERT JOHNSON, alias E. Allam, alias E. Korener, has defrauded several merchants in New Orleans with obsolete checks of the American Can Company, to which the signature of F. J. Duvie, cashier of the company, has been forged. These checks were stolen and the signature copied from a pay check. The description of Johnson is as follows: 30 to 32 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs about 180 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair.

MRS. FRED C. KELLY, alias Mrs. A. L. Jackson, alias Mrs. Randall Willis, alias Miss Louise Pribbel, attempted to defraud a member bank at San Antonio with worthless checks drawn on the Central State Bank of Dallas, signed with the various names listed above. She was last heard of from Beaumont, Tex. She is described as 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, light brown hair, fair complexion, neat dresser.

A Radio Inventor

EDWARD A. KELLY defrauded a Kansas City member bank with a worthless check drawn on the Manufacturers and Mechanics Bank of Kansas City, Mo., signed Fred Smith. He claimed to be perfecting an invention for radio apparatus. He is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, black eyes, black hair, shallow complexion, has a scar on the left side of face from the ear to the chin.

F. J. KRAMER defrauded a member bank at Elkton, Md., with a check drawn on the Washington Heights Branch of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York, which purported to be signed by E. R. Stites, treasurer of the Lee Floor Coverings, Inc., who do not carry an account in that bank. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced.

F. J. Kramer

L. A. McDONALD defrauded a customer of the Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla., with a forged cashier's check of the First National Bank of Winona, Minn., drawn on the Chase National Bank of New York. This check was made out to the order and was signed O. B. Stetson. McDonald represented himself as a paper salesman. He is described as about 30 years of age, medium height, slender build, thin face, dark hair, blue eyes. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced below.

O. B. Stetson
L. A. McDonald

An individual using the name of M. MESINGER is drawing checks against the Palisades Trust and Guaranty Company of Englewood, N. J., which are worthless, as they have no account under that name.

MARTINI MONTOYA, alias Antonio Gonzalez, defrauded a depositor of a member bank at Albuquerque, N. M., with a forged check purporting to be signed by Emeterio Montoya. He is described as being 22 to 25 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, black hair, Mexican. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Martin Montoya

J. T. MORRISON, formerly an agent for the Southern Life and Health Insurance Company, is defrauding customers of member banks through the South with checks purporting to be drawn by the insurance company. The checks are signed W. T. Wittaker, and made payable to himself. Morrison is described as about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 180 to 190 pounds, stout build, clean shaven, brown hair and eyes.

J. T. Morrison
1304 53P

WILLIAM MORSCHEIMER, alias F. M. Anderson, attempted to defraud a member bank of Memphis, Tenn., with payroll checks purporting to be drawn by the Chickasaw Machine and Foundry Co., which company has no account with them. The checks were printed on safety paper and rubber stamps were used to fill them out.

Bogus Traveler's Cheques

BOGUS traveler's cheques purporting to be drawn on the National City Bank of New York City are being cashed by one J. Harris in the central west. Chicago merchants and a railroad ticket agent accepted four of these checks on Dec. 24 and 26. They were dated Dec. 18, 1924, numbered 34043-4-5-7 and PRINTED black on heavy but ordinary paper of green tint in denominations of \$100.

The fake cheques bear no comparison with the genuine form, which is ENGRAVED in black on pink tinted safety paper. Member banks receiving such paper for payment or deposit should immediately notify the nearest office of our agents and the National City Bank in New York City.

DR. M. C. MURPHY defrauded a member bank at San Francisco with a worthless check payable to himself and purporting to have been drawn by a depositor of the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles. He has also defrauded other banks on the Pacific Coast. His usual method is to obtain a letter of introduction from some business man to his bank, and through this letter to cash the checks. He is described as 32 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, has black hair and dark eyes.

MIKE O'FLARITY defrauded a member bank at Myrtle Point, Ore., with a check drawn on the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Coquille, Ore., by "Hugh Lawhorn Camp," the signature to which was a forgery. O'Flarity is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, medium build, sandy red hair, smooth shaven, is a laborer and Irish.

R. G. PAGE, alias Carl Rosen, defrauded a bank in Wichita, Kan., by opening an account with cash and later depositing a check drawn on the Emporia State Bank, Emporia, Kan., signed M. L. Lowden, which he was permitted to draw against. He is described as a short heavy set man, about 38 to 40 years of age, slightly gray hair. His handwriting is reproduced below.

B G Page.

H. R. PRICHARD, alias H. R. Peterson, defrauded a member bank at Garden City, Kan. with a check drawn on the Grant County State Bank, Ulysses, Kan., purporting to be signed by Jay Trafton by whom he was employed. He is admittedly a deserter from the navy. Prichard is about 5 feet 10 inches tall, dark complexion, blue eyes, has a flower tattooed on back of one hand, and across the back of his fingers the word "HOLDFAST" appears, one letter on each finger.

NICHOLAS PANAGAKOS. A party using this name recently cashed a check

drawn on a New York City member bank which bore the forged signature of a depositor. A specimen of this party's writing is reproduced below.

Nicholas Panagakos

LIAL RANDALL defrauded a member bank at Canandaigua, N. Y., by forging the name of M. J. Randall to several notes which he gave to the member, who discounted them for him. He disappeared, taking his father's car, which he abandoned at Naples, N. Y. Randall is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet tall, weighs about 160 pounds. His writing is reproduced below.

Lial Randall
M. J. Randall

MIKE REGARO forged the name of a man with whom he was very friendly to checks drawn on a member bank at Lorain, Ohio. Regaro is described as 50 years of age, weighs 125 to 130 pounds, 5 feet 5 inches in height, dark complexion (probably Mexican), speaks German and Spanish, as well as English, is an excellent penman and something of an artist. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced below.

James Regaro

WAYNE E. RICHARDS alias C. H. Marcel, a deserter from the Coast Defense of Galveston, Fort Crockett, Tex., has been giving checks to which he has forged the name of Wm. F. Lafrenz, Captain, C. A. C. These checks are drawn on the City National Bank of Galveston, Tex. The blank checks were taken from the Post Exchange at the fort. Richards is described as 23 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 132 pounds, brown hair and eyes, ruddy complexion, small mustache.

WILLIAM O. ROBERTS defrauded a member bank at Ni Wot, Colo., with a forged check purporting to be signed by Dorris and Son, drawn on the First National Bank of Dighton, Kan. Roberts is described as 37 to 40 years of age, weighs about 180 pounds, 5 feet 11 inches tall, dark complexion.

JAMES SAWYER has defrauded customers of the Greenville National Bank, Greenville, Pa., by the use of bogus checks purporting to be drawn to his order by M. E. Gillet on the Orivell Banking Company, Orivell, Ohio. He presented these checks in payment of bills for goods and received considerable cash in return. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, round, ruddy face, appearance of a well-to-do farmer, neat dresser.

Impostor Working

MEMBERS are warned against a man representing himself to be Mr. Schecter of Schecter and Zoller of Havana, Cuba. This individual is reported to be in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, Pa., and is obtaining credit through his false representation.

JONATHAN STARR, formerly an employee of the F. J. Lisman Company of New York City, whose cards he is using for identification purposes, is drawing checks on banks with which he has no account. He was last heard of in Raleigh, N. C. where he gave a check on the Harriman National Bank of New York which has been returned as worthless.

W. B. STEWART defrauded a member bank of Clarion, Pa., by securing funds on a check drawn on the Curwensville National Bank, Curwensville, Pa. The bank official, believing that Stewart was the district supervisor for a well-known firm that manufactures and sells "check writers," did not hesitate in honoring the check when same was presented to him. He, no doubt, will try to cash other checks, consequently a close watch should be kept for him.

W B Stewart
Twenty-five 25.00

HENRY STRANDBERG defrauded a member bank at Helena, Mont., and is wanted on a charge of defrauding his creditors. He left Helena in a Ford touring car 1924 license number 15,009, engine number 6,925,990, accompanied by his wife. He is described as a rancher, 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, sandy hair, blue eyes, slovenly appearance, Swedish nationality.

A man using the name of TULLEY induced one of the officers of a member bank at Ravenden, Ark., to loan him a small sum, claiming he was a member of Masonic orders and was in need of a few dollars to get home. He later appeared at a nearby town claiming to be a representative of the International Harvester Company, and presented a bogus cashier's check. Tulley is described as 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, florid complexion, smooth shaven, fairly well dressed.

JOHN D. UNDERWOOD defrauded a member bank at Arkansas City, Kan., with a forged check. He is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, thin dark brown hair parted in the middle, dark gray eyes, right leg amputated at hip, and walked with crutches.

CHARLES WILSON, alias C. P. Thompson, has made several attempts to defraud member banks by obtaining certi-

cates of deposit on the strength of pass books from savings banks, showing large balances which are fraudulent. He is described as about 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, shallow complexion, dark hair and eyes, slender build, very bow-legged.

Cattle Buyer Repeats

ON page 5 of the October, 1924, Journal Supplement we published an article warning against the operations of H. C. Helm. The cattle buyer is now using the name of B. L. BAXTON, and a bank in Johnson City, N. Y., cashed one of his bogus checks drawn on the Central National Bank of Wilmington, Del. This member was protected from loss by the indorsement of one of its customers, with whom Baxton spent several days driving around the country and looking at dairies. Baxton posed as a cattle buyer for a large creamery company in Wilmington, and stated he desired to purchase several thousand dollars' worth of cattle. The operator is 28 to 30 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs about 200 pounds, well built, blonde hair, blue eyes, has several gold teeth in front, speaks with a southern accent.

A warrant for Baxton's arrest is held by the chief of police in Johnson City, N. Y. We urge members to be on the alert and immediately notify the nearest office of our detective agents, should he put in his appearance.

B. L. Baxton

E. C. MARTIN, alias E. B. Adams, alias E. B. Dennison. We are advised that bogus checks drawn on the Belvedere State Bank, Los Angeles, Cal., signed E. B. Dennison, are being negotiated in the vicinity of Chicago, Gary and Joliet, Ill. The checks are printed on cheap stock form blanks, and the transit number of the bank does not appear. Those checks received by the Belvedere State Bank to date and returned through the clearings have been made payable to E. C. Martin or E. B. Adams.

ART MORGAN secured funds from a member bank of Almena, Kan., with checks bearing the forged signature of four of the bank's customers. These checks were honored by the member bank who received through the clearings. Morgan is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds.

GAYLE GEORGE SOWERS is another old offender who has recently been heard from again. He is now drawing bogus checks on the Spring Hill Banking Company, Spring Hill, Kan., and has negotiated them in the Atlantic and southern states. Sowers is about 32 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, has fair complexion, blue eyes and light brown curly hair.

G. W. D. EMERSON defrauded a member bank of Cambridge, Mass., by securing funds on a check bearing a forged signature of their customer.

Raised Checks

DUE to the unusual number of raised and altered check cases that have been reported by numerous members from various sections of the country, we deem it advisable to request bank officials to instruct their tellers to examine all checks presented for payment. In most instances of altered and raised checks the alteration is very evident and can be easily detected. We find that these altered checks are usually in the amounts of sixty, seventy, eighty, and ninety dollars, having originally been made out for the sum of six, seven, eight and nine dollars, the operator adding the naught to the figure and the letters "ty" to the written amount.



J. Garrety

Before Clearings

J. GARRETY, alias L. M. McArthur, alias J. C. J. Hayes, alias C. Cattell, defrauded members in Detroit by means of worthless checks drawn on other local banks. He opened several accounts in different names with savings institutions in Detroit, depositing checks which he represented he had received for his week's salary. He returned the following day and was permitted to make withdrawals before the checks had cleared.

We are reproducing this operator's photograph and a specimen of his handwriting. He is described as being 27 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, slender build, hazel gray eyes, dark brown hair, plumber by trade.

J. Garrety
J. L. Cummings

J. D. UNDERWOOD, by securing funds on a check purporting to have been issued by the "John D's Letter Shop, 113 West 5th Ave.," Arkansas City, Kan., caused a local bank to sustain a small loss. Underwood sold lily bulbs while in the neighborhood. Our member gives the following description of Underwood: Dark brown hair, rather thin and parted in the middle; dark gray eyes, medium full face, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and uses crutches. His right leg is amputated near the hip.

C. W. WARD is issuing checks on the First National Bank, Lansdale, Pa., where he does not carry an account. Most of the checks have been passed in New York City and vicinity. The operator favors hotels and merchants with his checks. Our agents have not been supplied with a description of the operator.

A. WYNNE, alias A. R. Wynne, defrauded a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., with a bogus check purporting to be issued by the Empire Refinery Company, drawn on the First National Bank, Augusta, Ga. Wynne is described as 47 to 48 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 125 pounds, black hair mixed with gray, dark complexion, slender build.

Stolen Cashier's Checks

MEMBERS are warned that blank cashier's checks of the Miami County National Bank of Paola, Kan., have been stolen from the printers. These checks bear the following numbers: 3641-3707 inclusive, 5308-5374 inclusive, 6975-7041 inclusive.

B. E. BROWN caused a member bank of St. Louis, Mo., to sustain a small loss when they paid out on a check bearing the signature of one of their customers but the forged indorsement of the payee. The operator is described as 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, has a florid complexion and light brown hair. The operator has used the aliases of C. A. Burt and Chas. Brown.

ALBERT COLEMAN, alias Henry S. Meyers, is wanted by this department for defrauding a member bank of Glendale, Cal., with a worthless check drawn on the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank, Grand Boulevard Branch, Glendale.

JAMES HUBER defrauded an Ohio bank in a large amount by means of a bogus certified check drawn on the First National Bank, Gary, Ind. The check was typewritten and ostensibly drawn by the "Thomas Realty Co., Per J. C. Thomas, Treas." Huber appeared at the Ohio bank and opened a savings account in the name of Mrs. James Huber with a cash deposit of \$10. About ten days later he presented the check drawn on Gary, Ind., stating he would like to deposit about half and desired the balance in cash. He is apparently a glib talker, for although the teller was suspicious of him, after a conversation of about ten minutes, the requested funds were advanced on the uncollected item.

Arrests

Forgers, Etc.

BREWER, FRED—November 20, at Tulsa, Okla., held at the county jail.
 CARSON, W. S.—alias J. W. McVey, etc., October 27, at Omaha, returned to San Diego, Cal., held at the city jail.
 CUSH, JOHN—November 18, New York City, held at the city jail.
 DE YOUNG, W. T.—at New Brighton, Staten Island, N. Y., held at the city jail.
 GREENBERG, JOHN R.—November 28, at Chicago, held at the city jail.
 HARKINS, LIEUT. W. H.—Returned to Fort Worth, Tex., to serve term in penitentiary from which he escaped.
 HOFFMAN, RALPH—November 15, at Philadelphia, held at the city jail.
 JECZOLA, ANTHONY—alias John Kuznia, December 9, at Chicago, held at the city jail.
 LEDBETTER, WILLIAM—alias E. L. Martin, November 20, at Kansas City, Mo., held at the city jail.
 LOPEZ, JOE—At San Francisco, Cal., held at the city jail.
 MEYER, FLORENCE—November 21, at New York City, held at the city jail.
 MILLER, CLARA—alias Mrs. H. J. Wilson, December 1, at Kansas City, Kan., held at the city jail.
 MORALES, A.—alias G. McSalazar (TN) at Los Angeles, held in the county jail.
 NELSON PETER—alias George Nealson, December 3, at Fresno, Cal., held at the county jail.
 ORTELL, GEORGE—alias George Ost, alias R. W. Hill, alias Geo. Maher, November 14, at New York City, held at the city jail.
 POUNDS, C. M.—November 21, at Atlanta, Ga., held in the city jail.
 SMITH, ALFRED—alias Wm. Hale (TN), at Los Angeles, held in the city jail.
 STEELE, E. A.—August 6, at Atlanta, Ga., held in the city jail. Escaped, re-arrested in Hendersonville, N. C., held in Fulton County jail, escaped September 19, re-arrested September 20, held at the county jail.
 TATE, MILTON (colored)—November 25, at New York City, held in the city jail.
 VANCE, GEORGE—alias Charley Hopper, alias Clint Harris, October 20, at Tulsa, Okla., held at the city jail.
 WILSON, H. J.—December 1, at Kansas City, Kan., held at the city jail.
 WIMBERLY, FRANK A.—November 13, at Fort Worth, Tex., held at the county jail.

Burglars

ARCHER, FRANK—November 20, at Fremont, Neb., held at the county jail.
 BILLUPS, CHARLES—November 26, at Topeka, Kan., held at the county jail.
 CLINE, FRED—alias "Whitey" Cline, November 8, at McIntosh, S. D., held at the county jail.
 EPSTEIN, JACOB—December 1, at New York City, held at the city jail.
 FURST, PHILIP—November 29, at New York City, held at the city jail.
 GUYER, JACK—November 8, at McIntosh, S. D., held at the county jail.

JOHNSON, ELMER, November 26, at Topeka, Kan., held at the county jail.
 LEVY, SAMUEL—November 29, at New York City, held at the city jail.
 LINDEN, JOHN—alias "Devil's Lake Red," November 8, at McIntosh, S. D., held at the county jail.
 MADRAY, ARIOUS JAMES—alias James McFarland, October 10, at Philadelphia, Pa., held at the city jail.
 McAVOY, CHARLES—alias Charles Allen, December 5, at Winnipeg, Canada, held at the county jail.

Hold-Up Robbers

BAKER, JOHNNIE—November 21, at Kansas City, Mo., held at the city jail.
 BOGGIE, CLARENCE—November 30, at Albany, Ore., held at the county jail.
 CALDWELL, ROBERT—alias "Bob," November 7, at Paducah, Ky., held at the county jail.
 COLLINS, EARL—November 20, at Kansas City, Mo., held at the city jail.
 DAVIS, FRED—November 22, at Bristow, Okla., held at the county jail.
 DAWSON, GEORGE—November 12, at Kansas City, Mo., held at the city jail.
 DE SARA, GEORGE—November 23, at Palermo, Italy, held at the city jail.
 FROTHINGHAM, JOHN—November 12, at Golconda, Ill., held at the county jail.
 GOTT, WILLIAM—at Dalles, Ore., held at the county jail.
 GREEN, CHARLES—September 11, at St. Louis, Mo., held at the city jail.
 GROW, LIONEL EDWARD—Shot and killed, December 6.
 HAGAN, JOHN—November 14, at Kansas City, Mo., held at the city jail.
 HAVERMALE, J. E.—November 18, at Eden, Idaho, held at the county jail.
 MASON, GEORGE—August 27, at St. Louis, Mo., held at the city prison.
 McCOY, ROBERT—at Val Verda, Utah, held at the county jail.
 McGOWAN, JOHN—November 14, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.
 MORGAN, EDWARD—at Peoria, Ill., held at the county jail.
 NEILSON, L.—November 30, at Albany, Ore., held at the county jail.
 NEUBY, JOE—in Illinois, held in the county jail.
 PADGETT, W. E.—alias Edgar Padgett, November 14, at Marion, Ill., returned to Golconda, Ill., held in the county jail.
 PETERSON, CARL—Shot and killed November 19, at Tolt, Wash.
 REPLOGLE, C.—November 30, at Albany, Ore., held in the county jail.

ROSS, CHOCK—November 22, at Bristow, Okla., held in the county jail.
 SITTER, M.—November 30, at Albany, Ore., held in the county jail.
 STEFFY, RALPH, November 27, at Sapulpa, Okla., held in the county jail.
 STEYER, HARRY—November 14, at Golconda, Ill., held in the county jail.
 STONEKING, JESS—in Illinois, held in the county jail.
 TARSON, DR.—November 14, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.
 THOMPSON, GEORGE—at Enumclaw, Wash., held in the county jail.
 VECCHIO, SAM—December 5, at Detroit, Mich., held in the city jail.
 WILCOX, ARCHIE—at Val Verda, Utah, held in the county jail.

Dispositions

Forgers, etc.

CANTONE, CORRADINO—2½ to 5 years, New York State Prison, Ossining, N. Y.
 DAVENPORT, HARRY P.—1 year, House of Correction, Chicago, Ill.
 HARKINS, WILLIAM H.—2 years, Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Tex.
 JARVIS, HARRY—Probation, 2 years.
 KLINE, ED. MARTIN—18 months, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
 MITCHELL, JOHN A.—3 years, Penitentiary, Washington, D. C.
 MITCHELL, JAMES N.—3 years, Penitentiary, Washington, D. C.
 PALMER, WALTER (colored)—1½ to 3 years, \$500 fine, Pennsylvania State Penitentiary.
 POINTER, CHAS. M.—3 to 5 years, State Prison, Charlestown, Mass.
 REDMOND, R. W.—alias Reiley, indeterminate term, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
 ROSS, LOUIS L.—alias Harry Gray, dismissed.
 THORP, P.—alias E. Ilse, 1 to 20 years, suspended sentence.
 WILLETT, ALVIN—Acquitted.

Hold-Up Robbers

GROW, LIONEL EDWARD—Shot and killed.
 MASON, GEORGE W.—10 years to life, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.
 PETERSON, CARL—Shot and killed.
 SLATTERY, JOHN J.—Death sentence.

Burglars

None.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Since Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Dec. 1924	Total	Con- victed	Dis- charged or Ac- quitted	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Died	Awaiting Trial
Forgers, etc....	207	135	22	157	77	49	5	233
Burglars.....	62	22	11	33	10	2	3	80
Holdup robbers.	83	99	31	130	23	8	5	177
Total.....	352	256	64	320	110	59	13	490

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Bandits' New Method of Approach

THE Protective Department receives many reports on crimes of violence against banks and again warns of the danger and astounding increase in the number and variety of daylight robberies, commonly known as "hold-ups." Criminals using this method of attack are the most daring type and their success depends largely upon whether an advantage of surprise is sustained.

Bank bandits generally rely upon the use of firearms to carry out their surprise attack and waste no time with ceremony. Recently, however, a new style of approach entered the field of bank crimes in the form of fake "examiners," a Chenoa, Ill., bank being the victim. In this instance three smart crooks in a suave but complete manner applied psychology to the limit, the bank being looted of practically all its cash and securities.

At about 1:30 on the afternoon of Jan. 13, the president of the unfortunate bank was visited by two men giving the names of McAndrews and Hoefler, who produced credentials which appeared authentic. They further gained the

confidence of the bank official by showing an assuring familiarity with bank examiners and their auditing procedure. Having no reason for suspecting his visitors, the president received them with the same candor and courtesy extended to authorized examiners, opened all records to them and proceeded about his own business.

Three hours later, after the employees had left for the day, the two "examiners" and an accomplice attacked the president from behind, bound and gagged him securely in a closet and disappeared. Our agents are working on every available clue, with the cooperation of the state authorities, to bring the criminals to justice and to prevent a recurrence of this latest mode of banditry. All member bankers and particularly those in small or isolated communities are again warned of the danger in undermining their working staff. The credentials of any stranger, regardless of rank or mission, should always be subjected to the closest scrutiny and verification.

Two Mail Thief Forgers Caught

AN active mail thief and forger was apprehended when HARRY G. CALLAHAN was arrested in San Francisco, on last December 11 and turned over to the Postal authorities at Los Angeles. Callahan had in his possession, when arrested a suitcase containing several hundred letters stolen from private mail boxes in several cities, as well as a complete kit of forgers' tools made up of special pens, inks, ink eradicator and other materials used in forging checks. He also had blank checks, cancelled vouchers and check books on several banks in New York City and vicinity, along with the bank or pass-books of several depositors in those banks.

He admitted passing checks in Denver, Los Angeles and New York. He stole mail in the hopes of finding checks made out to persons to whom the letters were addressed, after which

he would make up a new check in a larger amount, using the stolen check as a model and usually experienced very little difficulty

charges including burglary and grand larceny for which he served two years and six months in Sing Sing Prison. He has also been arrested on minor charges of vagrancy and disorderly conduct.

Arrested with Callahan was LUMAN J. BEEDE who also has a previous record, having served two years in Sing Sing for grand larceny.

Pictures of Callahan and Beede accompany this article.

Callahan is described as 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, slender build, dark hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, smooth shaven; American born.

Beede is described as 33 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches tall, weighs 198 pounds, stout build, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, light chestnut hair, wears glasses.

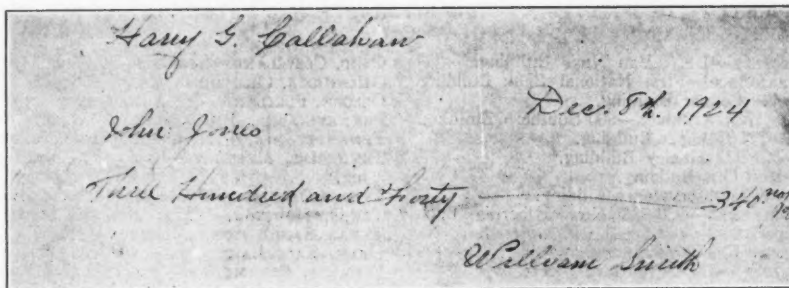
Callahan's writing, as written at the time of his capture, is reproduced.



Harry G. Callahan



Luman J. Beede



A specimen of Callahan's writing

in cashing the forgeries.

Since 1905 Callahan has been arrested on

due October 1, 1938, with coupons attached, have disappeared from the desk of an officer of a member bank at Baltimore, Md. These are numbered respectively, 1993, 1917, 1913,

1856, 1812, 1804, 1513, 460, 459, 1121, 1003, 1904. In the event any of these bonds are presented or coupons therefrom, kindly notify this Association.

Lost Bonds

TWELVE First Mortgage 5 per cent bonds of the Fairmont and Clarksburg Traction Company, par value \$1,000 each,

Bogus Travelers' Checks Again!



The latest bogus traveler's check drawn on a non-existent association

BOGUS travelers' checks in the form reproduced herewith have been recently negotiated among merchants in Oklahoma. To date we have no knowledge of a bank having been defrauded, but the checks are dangerous, as they have a bona fide appearance.

There is no association known as the United Bankers Association.

Neither the Atlantic Trust Company, New York, N. Y., which ostensibly issued the

checks, nor the Capital City National Bank, Indianapolis, Ind., are listed in any bank directory. The transit number appearing with the name of the Indiana bank was assigned to an Iowa savings bank.

Members should be on the alert for the appearance of checks of this description, and if an attempt is made to defraud them or their customers, the operator's arrest should be effected.

Overstreet, following his arrest in Texas, was returned and sentenced to a term of 25 years at McAlester, Okla., for his work in the Shawnee holdup.

Check Kiting

JOHAN E. BURNS now has in his possession a number of check books and pass books of banks which he has been trying to use to aid him in check kiting operations. It would appear that "Mr." Burns went to Florida for the winter, and his funds becoming low, he started on a check "kiting" tour.

This operator opened an account with the Commercial Bank, St. Augustine, Fla., with a check drawn on an Illinois bank. He then proceeded to Raleigh, N. C., where he opened an account at the Citizens National Bank with a check in the amount of \$2,000 drawn on the St. Augustine bank. He next appeared in Hyattsville, Md., opening an account there with the First National Bank by depositing a check in the amount of \$1,475 drawn on the Raleigh bank. At the office of the Baltimore Trust Company, Baltimore, Md., Burns stated he intended going in business there and desired to transfer his funds to that institution. He gave his occupation as contractor and plasterer and presented a check drawn on the Hyattsville bank.

The operator has pass books and check books of all the above mentioned banks, but thus far has been unable to secure any cash on his worthless checks. The Raleigh bank advised checks have been received by them through the clearings from the American Security and Trust Company and the Washington Loan and Trust Company, so Burns may also have pass books and check books of these institutions.

The bankers approached by John E. Burns have evidenced the practice of sound banking principles. They have refused to advance funds on uncollected items. We must urge members who are approached by him in the future to adopt the same methods.

A specimen of the operator's handwriting is reproduced herewith, and he is described as follows: 35 to 40 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds, stocky build, light complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, smooth shaven, roughly dressed.

*John E. Burns
1725 Falls High*

Stolen Cashier's Checks

A MAN using the name of D. W. HENDRICKS is operating with forged cashier's checks of the Gateway State Bank of Minneapolis, Minn. They are made out to his order and the signature of O. B. Backdahl, Cashier, is forged on them. He stole the plates for the checks while employed by the firm which printed the bank's checks.

He has in his possession blank cashiers'

Dangerous Band of Bandits Broken Up

THROUGH the activities of our agents working in the states of Oklahoma and Illinois, we are in a position to report the breaking up of one of the worst bands of hold-up bandits that we have had to contend with in years. The band has been very active recently in southern Illinois, especially in the vicinity of St. Louis, Mo.

It has been established that this band, and especially its young leader, JAMES OVERSTREET, who was arrested at Fort Worth, Tex., by our agents for participating in the hold-up of the Federal National Bank of Shawnee, Okla., have been responsible for the eight following attacks on member and non-member banks: Venice State Bank, Venice, Ill., July 7, 1924, \$13,500; First National Bank of Highland, Ill., July 29, 1924, \$16,800; Tri-City State Bank, Madison, Ill., August 11, 1924, \$7,980; Union Trust Company, Madison, Ill., August 18, 1924, \$3,700; Union State Bank of Dowell, Ill., September 29, 1924, \$1,100; Bethalto State Bank, Bethalto, Ill., October 22, 1924, \$2,490; First National Bank, Bunker Hill, Ill., November 5, 1924, \$3,500; First National Bank of Columbia, Ill., \$11,500.

Following the arrest of Overstreet, he confessed to our agents, admitting his share in the above listed attacks and implicating the following men as aiding him—CY BRINKLEY, GENE HALLORAN, ART EDGAR, CHAS. GREEN, WILLIAM DEWITT, JOE NEUBY, JESS STONEKING, FREDDIE CULLEN, CLAUDE WEAVER, HOLLIS BYRUM, HARRY WARSHAM, BEN INGRAM, and ARTHUR HORNBERGER.

Several of these men have been arrested

and some convicted. In most instances, our representatives were either responsible or cooperated in the arrest of the hold-up men.

Brinkley, Edgar, Stoneking and Hornberger are now serving 10 years to life in the Southern Illinois State Penitentiary at Chester, Ill., for their part of the hold-ups. Neuby turned state's evidence and was released. Hollis Byrum was killed. Green and Halloran are under arrest awaiting trial. The balance of those named are still at large.



James Overstreet

checks, numbered from 32003 to 34503 of the Gateway National Bank.



Fake Contractor

C. H. GRAHAM, using aliases C. B. Walker, W. H. Gray, C. W. Baker, C. H. Bradley, C. H. Barnes, an old offender, defrauded a merchant of New Orleans with a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Montgomery, Ala., signed by himself as an officer of C. H. Graham and Company, Contractors.

He is described as 39 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, slender build, very dark brown hair, smooth shaven, gray eyes; plasterer by occupation. His picture and a specimen of his handwriting are reproduced herewith.

C. H. GRAHAM & CO.

C. H. Graham
Twenty Five
Dash 75

WARNING

S. M. ANDERSON and R. STARBUCK defrauded several customers of a member bank at Pineville, La., with worthless checks. They first negotiated several checks which were good to inspire confidence, and then passed several that were bogus. ANDERSON is described as 65 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, very aggressive. STARBUCK is 30 to 35 years of age, small, weighs about 120 pounds. Specimens of their writing are reproduced.

S. M. Anderson
S. H. Starbuck

GARNER BARTON defrauded a member bank at Kansas City, Mo., with a check to which he forged the signature of a depositor. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, light complexion, sandy hair, fingers missing on left hand.

JULIUS BAER defrauded a member bank at Detroit with a cashier's check of the Columbia Trust Company, Salt Lake City, Utah, to which he forged the signa-

ture of the cashier, Henry E. Keller. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Julius Baer

L. R. BERKOWITZ, alias Sam Gettberg, alias B. Cashenberg, alias Louis Mendleson, defrauded a member bank at Detroit, Mich., with bogus checks to which he forged the "O.K." of one of the bank's officials.

MR. and MRS. WILLIAM BILBY defrauded a member bank at Scooba, Miss., with a worthless check drawn on the Peoples Bank of Mobile. He is described as 28 years of age, slender build, gray eyes, has a lion's claw watch charm very prominently displayed, and represents himself to be an agent of the Massachusetts Protective Insurance Company. The woman is described as stout, with gray eyes. They are traveling in a Ford coupe upon the tire of which is an advertisement of the Universal Motor Company of Meridian, Miss., and have with them a small bull-dog.

W. M. BRACKEN, alias W. M. Brickenridge, alias M. F. Jones, defrauded a member bank at Okmulgee, Okla., with a check to which he forged the name of his employer. The forged signature was copied from a check given him as wages. He is described as being tall, having dark complexion, wears glasses and is blind in one eye.

J. M. BROCK, alias J. J. Joslyn, defrauded a member bank at Desloge, Mo., by giving them fake references when he opened an account, which he was unfortunately permitted to overdraw. He left town driving a Gardner two-door five passenger brougham, serial No. 30755C, motor No. CE17828, Missouri license No. 446280. He is described as 46 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, dark complexion, bald, false teeth, wears tortoise shell glasses, speaks Spanish, mechanic by trade.

A. L. CHILDRESS, alias Robert Ray Rawlings, attempted to defraud the Marine Bank and Trust Company of New Orleans, with a forged check purporting to be signed by the cashier of the bank. He represented that he was about to open an automobile business in New Orleans, and would open an account shortly. He is described as 32 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 10½ inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, sallow complexion, sandy hair, high forehead, wore Elk's emblem.

J. CHRISTY, alias J. B. Fisher, alias C. H. Fownes, attempted to defraud several Los Angeles banks with five worthless drafts drawn on the Globe National Bank of Denver. There is no description available other than that he was young and stout.

CECIL F. CLARKE, alias E. A. Grey, attempted to defraud the Old National Bank of Spokane, Wash., with checks, drawn on the bank, signed C. F. Clarke. He is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, slender build, fair hair, brown eyes, light "Charlie Chaplin" mustache; nervous manner, sharp features. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

C. F. Clarke
Twenty five
25

EARL A. CLARK defrauded a merchant at New Haven, Conn., with a worthless check drawn on the Home National Bank of Meriden, Conn. He is described as 25 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, slender build, thin features, pale face, wore a K. of C. ring on third finger of right hand. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

George Baker
Earl A. Clark

A man using the name CUSHMAN of Pomfort, Conn., attempted to defraud a member bank at Woburn, Mass., with a bogus check purporting to be issued by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to which he forged the indorsement of one of the bank's depositors as an identification. He is described as 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, slight build.

J. A. EMILE DE CELLES, representing himself as a sculptor, defrauded a member bank at Cleveland with a worthless check drawn on the Citizens Commercial and Savings Bank of Warren, Ohio, signed by himself. No description has been given of him.

WILLIAM ETTINGER defrauded a member bank at Pittsburgh, Pa., with a check drawn on the Franklin Trust Company, Franklin, Pa., to which he forged the signature of R. L. Hamilton. He was formerly employed as a fireman on the B. & L. E. Railway. He is described as 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark complexion, shabbily dressed.

N. G. EMMETT attempted to defraud a member bank at Big Spring, Nebr., with worthless drafts drawn on the Chase National Bank of New York City.

R. W. GIBSON defrauded a member bank at Grover, S. D., with a check to which he forged the signature of one of their depositors. He is described as 36 to 40 years of age, weighs 145 to 150 pounds, dark hair, cross-eyed.

JAMES A. GRADY, alias J. H. Grady, alias H. C. Rodgers, attempted to defraud a member bank at Berkeley, Cal., with a worthless draft drawn on the Denver National Bank of Denver, Colo., purporting to be signed by H. C. Rodgers. He is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, heavy build, sandy hair, smooth shaven, medium complexion, American.

C. B. HALL defrauded a member bank at Bakersfield, Cal., with a worthless check drawn on the New England National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. He represented himself as district manager for the Van-Noy Inter-State Company, claiming that he was looking the ground over and would open a company account at a later date. He is described as 50 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 210 pounds, rather stout build, gray eyes, light complexion, smooth shaven, crooked nose.

O. L. HARPER has defrauded several member banks in and near Harvey, Ill., with worthless checks and drafts drawn on the Bank of Ocoee, Ocoee, Fla. He was formerly connected with a bank at Trilby, Fla., as cashier. His knowledge of banking has aided him considerably to put over worthless checks. He is described as 31 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs about 225 pounds, stout, and has black hair.

GEO. W. HART attempted to defraud a New Orleans member bank with a bogus check purporting to be drawn by the Crescent City Salt Company of New Orleans, signed by W. L. Young as manager. His writing is reproduced below.

Geo W Hart
W. L. Young

A. HIGUERA defrauded a member bank at San Francisco with checks to which he forged the signature of one of the bank's depositors, who employed him. He is described as 22 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, black hair, dark eyes, round face, Spanish labor type. Specimens of his writing are reproduced below.

A. Higuera
Nov 15

G. P. HOOPER defrauded several customers of a member bank at Jackson, Tenn., with worthless drafts drawn on the First National Bank of Dickson, Tenn., signed by

Watch Payroll Checks

AT the present time we are contending with an epidemic of forged payroll checks. These checks are usually obtained by theft and, due to the fact that they are drawn by well known and reputable firms, it is exceedingly difficult to apprehend the forgers, as little attention is paid the presenter. The only means of prevention is to insist on an absolute identification. Do not accept letters as identification as they, too, may be stolen or spurious.

himself. He is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, smooth shaven, medium dark hair, slightly hollow chested, humped shoulders. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

L. P. Hooper
P25 #2
Forty Two

L. R. HOPKINS, alias Arthur J. Doolittle, has defrauded merchants with checks drawn on the Wallingford Trust Co. of Wallingford, Conn. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, light complexion, light hair, wears tortoise shell glasses. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Arthur J Doolittle
Cart 40
Forty Dollars

E. B. JAMIESON defrauded a member bank at Humboldt, Kans., with a bogus check purporting to be drawn by the Standard Oil Company, 26 Broadway, New York City, on the National City Bank of New York, payable to himself. He represented himself as an advertising representative of the above company. He has put over several similar checks in the same neighborhood. He is described as 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 200 pounds, dark complexion, well dressed.

CHAS. JOURNAL, alias J. Jerome Huber, attempted to defraud a member bank at New York with a bogus check drawn on the Ice and Coalition Bank of Woonsocket,

R. I. (non-existent). A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

Chas Journal
J. Jerome Huber

WM. JORDAN has defrauded merchants in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pa., with several worthless checks drawn on the Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh. He is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 190 to 200 pounds, right hand crippled by several fingers being off, suffers from asthma. He is traveling in a Franklin touring car bearing a Pennsylvania license and Pittsburgh city plate. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Wm Jordan
Twentyfive
Oct 18

MORRIS KAPLAN defrauded a member bank at New York, N. Y., with a check drawn against the Chatham and Phenix National Bank, to which he forged the signature of Ben Cohen. He is described as 46 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, stout build, dark complexion, dark hair mixed with gray, dark eyes, wears glasses, right shoulder much lower than left. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Morris Kaplan
Ben Cohen

H. E. KEAS, alias R. V. Olson, defrauded a member bank at Minneapolis, Minn., with worthless checks of the Montana National Bank of Billings, Mont., made up for the World War Veterans and purporting to be signed by B. F. Peters, Secretary-Treasurer. These he deposited and, unfortunately, was permitted to draw against.

H. E. Keas
Fifteen

S. H. KOANTZ defrauded a member bank at Port Richmond, New York, with

a worthless check, purporting to be drawn against his account with the State Bank of Renovo, Pa. He was formerly employed by the Kruger Motor Car Co. of Stapleton, Staten Island. Specimens of his writing are reproduced herewith.

A young man using the name of SYDNEY LORING defrauded a bank at Turners Falls, Mass., with a forged check to which he forged the endorsement of one of the bank's depositors for the purpose of identification. He also defrauded other members at Greenfield, Mass., and Milton, Mass., in a similar manner. Specimens of his writing are reproduced.

Sydney Loring
James Loring

A woman using the name of MRS. MAHOOD, a depositor of a member bank at Kansas City, Kan., defrauded that bank by forging her name to several checks. She is described as middle aged, short, rather stocky build, blue eyes, good looking.

D. C. MARTIN, alias Fred E. Dennison, is operating with bogus checks drawn on the Belvedere State Bank of Los Angeles, Calif. One of these checks was received through the clearings from Gary, Ind. They are printed in a form different from any ever issued by the Belvedere State Bank.

R. L. MARTIN attempted to defraud a San Francisco member bank by depositing a worthless check drawn on the Reliance State Bank of Chicago, Ill. He also used one drawn on the Madison and Kingsley State Bank of Chicago, Ill. They were all made to his order and signed by J. S. Kennedy. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Californian
One Hundred
R. L. Martin

H. C. MALONE defrauded a member bank at Schulenberg, Texas, with a worthless draft drawn on the Republic National Bank of Dallas, Texas. He claimed he was a 32nd degree Mason and was on his way to Houston by automobile and had no way to identify himself. No description as at present available.

P. McCracken defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles with a check to which he forged the signature of Mrs. J. D. Diess. He is described as 26 or 27 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, sallow complexion and having a square heavy chin.

F. S. MEIS defrauded a member bank at Ayr, N. Dak., with a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Pelican Rapids, Minn., in which bank he had no account. He is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, has a Southern accent.

A man using the name EMMET MERKLE defrauded a member bank at Seattle, Wash., with a check that bore the forged signature of its customer. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, stocky build, ruddy complexion, sandy hair, blue eyes, full round face. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Emmet Merkle
Mrs. N. B. Taylor
Seventy Five

W. E. METZ defrauded a member bank at Boyertown, Pa., with a check purporting to be drawn by the Hotel Bartram, Milton, Pa., signed Bertram Galbraith, payable to the Milton Trust and Safe Deposit Co. of Milton, Pa. He represented himself as an employee of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Seven checks were stolen from the above hotel, and this was evidently one of them. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, fair complexion, very smooth talker.

BRUCE MILLER, alias Geo. W. Walsh, alias Frank Carter, alias John C. Lawson, defrauded a member bank in Los Angeles, with checks of the West Coast Langley Theater Circuit to which he forged the name of C. L. Langley. He is described as 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium build, smooth shaven, dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

John C. Lawson
Geo. W. Walsh
1861 W 10th

CURTIS MILLER, alias E. G. Hunter, alias C. W. Clark, alias Geo. E. Miller,

E. G. Hunter
National Paint
One Hundred

attempted to defraud a member bank at Cleveland, Ohio, with checks drawn on the Cooperative National Bank of Cleveland to

the order of the National Painting Company, signed E. G. Hunter, which he deposited. He is a negro, described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 6½ inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, square shoulders, pug nose, very dark. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

C. B. MILLS defrauded a customer of a member bank at Parsons, Kan., with a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of North Little Rock, Ark., purporting to be signed by "The American Nursery Association, by Jas. A. Evans, Treas.," payable to himself. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

C. B. Mills

JOHN MOSTIL attempted to defraud a member savings bank by opening an account with cash which was later withdrawn. Then he attempted to withdraw a large amount against a worthless draft ostensibly drawn by the Washington Mutual Savings Bank of Seattle, Wash., on the Seaboard National Bank of New York. Specimens of his handwriting are being reproduced herewith.

John Mostil

A man using the name FRANK MOFFETT defrauded a member bank at Winnetka, Ill., with a check to which he forged the indorsement of the payee. The check was stolen from the office of the maker. He is described as medium height, heavy set, dark complexion.

ART MORGAN defrauded several merchants of Almena, Kan., with checks drawn on the First National Bank of Almena, Kan., to which he forged the signature of one of the bank's customers, by whom he was employed as a corn husker. He is described as being 28 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs about 180 pounds, square shoulders, very dark complexion, dark eyes, dark thin hair, nose broken at bridge, scar on upper lip on left side from nose to corner of mouth.

A man using the name ANGELO OBOYAO attempted to defraud a member bank of San Francisco with a bogus draft purporting to be drawn on the Continental and Commercial Bank of Chicago, Ill., by W. P. Nelson and Company. His handwriting as appearing on the draft is reproduced.

Angelo Oboyao
1418 1/2 Clark St

F. J. OLIVER defrauded several member banks in Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo., and Fort Scott, Kan., by depositing worthless drafts supported by savings pass books which he produced as evidence of balances in the banks drawn on. He is supposed to be out on bond for a similar fraud committed against a bank at Topeka, Kan. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

F. J. Oliver
Forty-two \$42
Savings Bank

J. L. PRATT defrauded a member bank at Detroit, Mich., with a check drawn on the State Banking and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, signed The West Boulevard Company, L. J. Bedinkop, Treas., payable to the General Weatherstrip Company, to which he forged the indorsement of the payee. He is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 155 pounds, smooth shaven, good talker. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

General Weatherstrip Co.
J. L. Pratt
Treas.

V. J. REID defrauded a member bank in New York City with a check to which he forged the name of a depositor. He is described as 40 years of age, weighs 150 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall, dark hair, dark eyes, dark complexion, close cut black moustache.

JACK ROSE defrauded a member bank at Winfield, Kan., with a check drawn on the Prairie State Bank of Augusta, Kan., to which the signature of one of their customers was forged. He represented himself as a well driller and is described as weighing about 240 pounds, smooth shaven, dark complexion, hook nose, has broken arches and walks as if crippled. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Ben Kuntz
Jack Rose
Thirty

G. ROSINI, alias L. Martin, alias L. Tela defrauded a member bank at Rio Vista,

Cal., with checks to which he forged the name of F. Ganidi. He is described as 30 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 160 to 170 pounds, dark brown hair, brown eyes, Italian. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

G. Rosini
L. Tela
L. Martin

E. B. SCEARCE defrauded a member bank at Sacramento, Cal., with a check drawn on the First National Bank of Vallejo, Cal., to which he forged the signature of W. J. Walsh. He is an automobile salesman and is supposed to have gone to Los Angeles.

He is described as 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slender build, dark brown hair, slightly bald, blue eyes, very good talker.

GLEN SHURTE defrauded a member bank at Marcellus, Mich., with a check to which he forged the signature of his father, C. H. Shurte, and the endorsement of his brother, Franch Shurte. He convinced a bank official that he was Franch Shurte, his brother, and received cash for the check. He is believed to be employed in a garage in Chicago.

HARRY L. STEWART attempted to defraud a member bank at Cleveland, Ohio, with a worthless check drawn on the Peoples Bank of Buffalo, N. Y., which he deposited, but against which he was not permitted to draw. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

Harry L. Stewart

HARRY ST. CLAIR, at one time in the employ of the Liberty Life Insurance Company of Topeka, Kan., defrauded a member bank at Junction City, Kan., by forging the name of a friend to a note. He defrauded a hotel also with a worthless check. He is described as medium build, light hair, pointed nose, one gold tooth in front.

LARRY TAYLOR defrauded a member bank at Redmond, Ore., with a worthless draft drawn on the F. F. Heater Company of Seattle, Wash., under the representation that he was employed by and authorized to draw on them. He was last known to be living in Oakland, Cal.

JOHN M. THORNTON, alias Harry M. Summer, defrauded a member bank at Jersey City, N. J., with a check drawn on that bank, signed John M. Thornton to order

of Harry M. Summer. The handwriting as appearing on that check is reproduced below.

John M. Thornton
Harry M. Summer
Twenty-five \$100
24. 25.

J. C. WALLACE defrauded a member bank at Oklahoma City, Okla., with a check purporting to be drawn by Greenlease Moore Chevrolet Company per S. H. Rowmins, manager, the signature being a forgery. A specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

J. C. Wallace

J. P. WARE, alias Wm. Walker, defrauded a member bank at Annapolis, Md., with a bogus check drawn on the Little Rock Trust Company of Little Rock, Ark., signed by Wm. Walker to his order. Specimens of his writing are being reproduced.

J. P. Ware
Wm. Walker
J. P. Ware

Arrests

Forgers

ALVARAZ, ALVERTO—November 22, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
BEEDE, LUMAN J.—December 18, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
CALLAHAN, HARRY G.—December 19, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
CANAZAL, CARLOS—November 22, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
CANNON, PEARL—at Chicago, held at the city jail.
GONZALES, PERFECTO—November 22, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
HUNTINGTON, JAMES—January 6, 1925, at Minneapolis, held at the city jail.
JASTRAUB, A. J.—January 7, 1925, at Detroit, held at the city jail.
JOHNSON, ROBERT—alias E. Allain, December 10, 1924, at New Orleans, held at the city jail.
JUDSON, GEORGE H.—at Mercer, N. J., held at the Mercer County jail.
KALLISON, MABEL—at Chicago, held at the city jail.
LUBGUBON, GREGORIS C.—December 27, 1924, at San Francisco, held at the city jail.

MARCIOUS, MANUEL—November 22, 1924, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.
 MARTIN, MISS LELLA—December 17, 1924, at Chicago, held at the city jail.
 McCANN, EMMETT J.—December 31, 1924, at Chicago, held at the city jail.
 McCANN, MRS. ROSE—December 31, 1924, at Chicago, held at the city jail.
 MORRISON, DON—alias Donald Olsen, at Eugene, Ore., held at the county jail.
 MURPHY, DAN H.—December 16, 1924, at Cromwell, Okla., held at the county jail.
 ORR, R. W.—December 29, 1924, at Portland, Ore., held at the city jail.
 PRICHARD, H. R.—alias H. R. Peterson, December 27, 1924, at Carnei Mills, Ill., held at the county jail.
 SHELTON, W. P.—January 7, 1925, at Springfield, Mass., held at the county jail.
 SHERMAN, PHILIP—January 3, 1925, at Baltimore, Md., held at the city jail.
 THOMPSON, ROY B.—alias D. R. Goddard, December 24, 1924, at Miami, Fla., held at the city jail.
 TONOWAY, ROBERT (T.N.)—December 10, 1924, at New Orleans, La., held at the city jail.
 WILLIAMS, C. B.—December 31, 1924, at Los Angeles, Calif., held at the city jail.

Burglars

DUNNING, ELMER—at Omaha, Neb., held at the county jail.
 KINZIE, R. H.—at Omaha, Neb., held at the county jail.
 MARSH, JOHN—alias John H. Lambert, at Omaha, Neb., held at the county jail.

Holdups

BIGLEY, GEORGE—Seattle, Wash., held at the city jail.
 BAILEY, ED.—December 30, 1924, at Davenport, Okla., held at the county jail.
 BOGGIE, CLARENCE—November 30, 1924, at Albany, Ore., held at the county jail.
 BUSH, FRANCIS E.—December 25, 1924, at Detroit, held at the city jail.
 CALDWELL, ROBERT—alias "Bob," November 7, 1924, at Paducah, Ky., held at the county jail.
 COURIS, PETE—December 31, 1924, at Aberdeen, Wash., held at the county jail.
 EDGAR, ART—alias Harry Edgar, August 17, 1924, at Carlinville, Ill., held at the county jail.
 EDWARDS, OWEN—December 31, 1924, at Bristow, Okla., held at the county jail.
 FISHER, WALTER—at Madras, Ore., held at the county jail.
 FROTHINGHAM, JOHN—November 12, 1924, at Golconda, Ill., held at the county jail.
 GURREAS, FANTESNA—November 27, 1924, at Peoria, Ill., held at the county jail.
 HALLORAN, JEAN—December 31, 1924, at East St. Louis, Ill., held at the county jail.
 HINTON, ETTA—at Madras, Ore., held at the county jail.
 JOHNSON, H. T.—at Seattle, Wash., held at the city jail.
 MADDOX, CHUG—January 1, 1925, at East St. Louis, Ill., held at the county jail.
 MARSHALL, JOE—Killed.

MASON, GEORGE—August 27, 1924, at East St. Louis, Ill., held at the city jail.
 McCOURTIE, FRANK—December 22, 1924, at East St. Louis, Ill., held at the city jail.
 McKNIGHT—January 5, 1925, at Chicago, Ill., held at the city jail.
 MEIER, ALBERT P.—alias "Tex," December 17, 1924, at Sacramento, Calif., held at the county jail.
 MORGAN, EDWARD—November 27, 1924, at Peoria, Ill., held at the county jail.
 MOSS, CHARLES—at Alexander, Idaho, held at the county jail.
 NEILSON, L.—November 30, 1924, at Albany, Ore., held at the county jail.
 NEUBY, JOE—at Waterloo, Ill., held at the county jail.
 OVERSTREET, JAMES F.—alias Jess Ripley, alias Lowe Edgar, at Ft. Worth, Texas, held at the city jail.
 PADGETT, W. E.—alias Edgar Padgett, November 14, 1924, at Marion, Ill., returned to Golconda, Ill., held at the county jail.
 ROBERTS, BOB—at Alexander, Idaho, held at the county jail.
 SITTER, M.—November 30, 1924, at Albany, Ore., held at the county jail.
 STEYER, HARRY—November 14, 1924, at Golconda, Ill., held at the county jail.
 STONE, HARRY—at Seattle, held at the city jail.
 STONEKING, JESS—at East St. Louis, Ill., held at the county jail.
 SWIFT, CLIFTON—November 27, 1924, at Peoria, Ill., held at the county jail.
 THOMPSON, BLACKIE—alias Irwin Thompson, December 24, 1924, at Bartlesville, Okla., held at the county jail.
 WILSON, RHONDO C.—December 29, 1924, at San Francisco, held at the city jail.

Dispositions

Forgers, etc.

HOFFMAN, RALPH—Case settled.
 HUNTINGTON, JAMES—Probation, 1 year.
 LAMB, LESTER—Case settled.
 MEYER, FLORENCE—Suspended sentence.
 NELSON, PETER—alias Edward Miller, probation.
 NEUBERGER, LEO A.—Case settled.
 NIEL, ROBERT—Suspended sentence until June 1, 1925.
 OWSLEY, RUTH—Probation, 1 year.
 PORTER, BERT—Suspended sentence.
 THOMPSON, ROY B.—Case settled.

Burglars and Holdup Robbers

ADAMS, CLARENCE P.—25 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
 BARNETT, ROBERT—35 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
 BOGGIE, CLARENCE—15 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.
 BRINKLEY, CYRUS—10 years to life, Southern Illinois Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 BUSBY, JOHN H.—35 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
 CALDWELL, ROBERT—Indeterminate sentence, Illinois Reformatory, Pontiac, Ill.
 DAVIS, ARTHUR—10 to 20 years, hard labor, State Penitentiary, Deer Lodge, Mont.
 DEERE, ELMER—10 to 50 years, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kans.
 DUNCAN, JOE—5 years to life, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.
 EDGAR, ART—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 FLOOD, FLOYD—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 FROTHINGHAM, JOHN—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 HORNBERGER, ARTHUR—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 KLINE, alias "Devils' Lake Red"—Escaped.
 MASON, GEORGE W.—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 NEILSON, LAUREN—10 years, State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.
 NEUBY, JOE—Released, turned State's evidence.
 PADGETT, W. E.—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 ROSSI, VINCENZO—7 to 20 years, Ohio State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio.
 SITTER, JOE—15 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.
 STANTON, ALPHENS—25 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.
 STEYER, HAROLD—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 STONEKING, JESS—10 years to life, Southern Illinois State Penitentiary, Chester, Ill.
 WALTERS, ALBERT—Acquitted and released.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Since Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Jan. 1924	Total	Con-victed	Dis-charged or Ac-quitted	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Died	Awaiting Trial
Forgers, etc....	207	157	25	182	83	53	5	248
Burglars.....	62	33	3	36	11	2	4	81
Holdup robbers.	83	130	34	164	43	10	5	189
Total...	352	320	62	382	137	65	14	518

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SECTION TWO

South Dakota Bank Robbers' Band Broken Up

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Cashier
Assistant Cashier
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Guard

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.
FLORIDA, MIAMI.—220-221 Calumet Building.
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-922 Healey Building.
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1020 Otis Building.
IOWA, DES MOINES.—609 Observatory Building.
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—930-932 New Hibernia Bank Building.
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—200 Devonshire Street.
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—D. S. Morgan Building.
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—165 Broadway.
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—1012 Keiths Theatre Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—908 Colcord Building.
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—1108 Diamond Bank Building.
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.
TEXAS, DALLAS.—207 Mercantile Bank Building.
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.
CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.

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Two Bank Burglars Caught

JAMES REILLY and STANLEY BROWN have been apprehended and Reilly has confessed to a share in the burglary of the Hartland, South Dakota, State Bank. He has implicated Brown and James J. Flynn, alias "Scar Faced" Ryan, alias "Scar Faced" Murray. Reilly is now awaiting trial, while Brown was convicted through Reilly's assistance and has been sentenced to 15 years in the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary.

According to Reilly's confession, he, Flynn, Sid the Duke, and Harry Miller, burglarized several North Dakota banks. Flynn, Miller and the "Duke" are still at large but are badly wanted by the authorities.

A reward of \$200 for the apprehension of all three, whose pictures are reproduced, has been offered by the Post Office Department at Minneapolis, Minn. Flynn is wanted

in connection with the burglary of the Hartland State Bank, while the apprehension of Sid the Duke and Miller is sought for participation in the burglaries of several other banks.

Flynn is described as 38 years of age, weighs 148 pounds, medium build, dark chestnut hair, gray eyes, fair complexion; has large cut in back and side of head.

Miller is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 154 pounds, medium build, dark chestnut hair, maroon eyes, medium sal-low complexion; wears wig at times over fore part of head.

Sid the Duke

is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 5½ inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, medium build, brown hair, brown eyes; mole on right cheek; scar on left cheek.

Cause the arrest of these men on sight.



James J. Flynn

Harry Miller

Sid, the Duke

An Old Timer Poses as Ford's Uncle

WM. F. FORD (1483) claiming to be an uncle of Henry Ford, the famous automobile manufacturer of Detroit, attempted to defraud the Corn Exchange Bank of Philadelphia with a worthless check drawn on the Highland Park State Bank of Detroit. He now has in his possession a Savings Fund Book No. C5402 of the Philadelphia bank. Following this transaction, he

went to New York City and attempted to defraud the Mechanics Bank of Brooklyn with a worthless check on the First-Fifth National Bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, but was unable to obtain any money on his operations.

Since leaving New York he has attempted the same fraud in Perth Amboy, N. J., Youngstown, Ohio, and Flint, Michigan, offering worthless checks of large amounts

drawn on banks in these cities. His plan seems to rely upon the law of averages to lead him to an unsuspecting banker who will donate an advance before funds are collected.

Ford is 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 2 or 3 inches tall, slight build, getting bald, sandy complexion, clean shaven and gives impression of being a mild harmless type.

Stolen in Holdup

THE following is a list of the bonds stolen in the holdup of the Berwyn Trust & Savings Bank, Berwyn, Ill.:

Amount	Description	Numbers
\$10,000	City of Bogota 8% External S. F. Bonds due Oct. 1, 1945. Fiscal agent, Dillon, Read & Co.	M491-98 Interims
3,000	Guerin Mills, Inc., 1st Mtge. 7% Bonds due Feb. 1, 1937. Co. trustee, N. Y. Trust Co., N. Y.	796-8 Permanent
3,000	Imperial Japanese Govt. External Loan S. F. 6½% bonds due Feb. 1, 1954. Fiscal agent Yokohama Specie Bk. Ltd.	
2,000	Kansas Power Co. 6% Bonds due 1933. Trustee, N. Y. Trust Co.	M12-M484 Perman't
2,000	Public Service Co. of Colo. 1st Mtge. & Refunding 5½%	M1131-1142 Interims

	Bonds due Sept. 1, 1954. Trustee, Equitable Trust Co.	
3,000	Public Service Corp. of N. J. Secured 6% Bonds, due Aug. 1, 1944. Trustee, Fidelity Trust Co., Philadelphia.	1486-88 Interims
2,000	Republic of Bolivia 8% Bonds, due May 1, 1947. Trustee, Equitable Trust Co.	M22406-7 Permanent
2,000	Republic of Penn 8% Bonds due June 1. Trustee, Central Trust Co.	TM2344-5 Interims
5,000	Hart Coal Corp. Mtge. Lien 6½% Bonds, due Dec. 1, 1929. Trustee, Con't & Com'l Trust & Savings Co.	M22-26 Permanent
2,000	Jersey Central Power & Light Corp. 6½% Bonds, due Dec. 1, 1926. Trustee, New York Trust Co.	M658-9 Permanent
3,100	Northwestern Public Service Co. 6½% Bonds, due Dec. 1, 1948. \$100 Bonds.	482 Permanent No. 503-25, No. 653-4, No. 659-65

	Trustee, Equitable Trust Co.	
2,000	Seattle Lighting Co., 7% due Nov. 1, 1929. Trustee, Central Trust Co.	M506-7 Permanent

Several City of Berwyn tax warrants and special assessment bonds and vouchers were also taken.

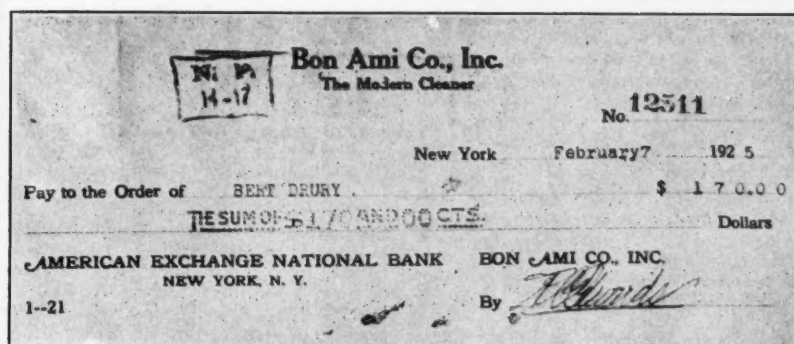
It is expected that an attempt will be made to dispose of these bonds through "fences" but some may be presented at banks to cover loans.

Stolen Bonds

THE following bonds were stolen in the holdup of the Vandeventer Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo.:

	No.
\$ 500 Allied Packers 8%	2418 Jan. & July
1000 Mo. Pac. R. R. Gen. 4%	14048 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Mo. Pac. R. R. Gen.	14049 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Mo. Pac. R. R. Gen.	14050 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Mo. Pac. R. R. Gen.	14051 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Mo. Pac. R. R. Gen.	14052 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Pierce-Arrow 8%	836 Mar. & Sept.
1000 Pierce-Arrow 8%	2115 Mar. & Sept.

New Series of Bogus Checks



The bogus check in circulation in some parts of the South

THE American Exchange National Bank, New York City, reports that some one is drawing checks in New Orleans, La., purporting to be those of the Bon Ami Company, Inc., of New York. They are

signed by R. M. Vance (1484), O. H. Vance, P. W. Stewart, and R. C. Edwards.

One of the bogus checks is reproduced. They are not authentic looking, but bear the name of this widely known company.

More Bogus Pay Roll Checks

MEMBERS are warned against bogus and forged pay roll checks drawn on city, State and Federal departments with which the country is now being flooded. Members in and around New York City are especially warned that checks of the Department of Plant and Structures, New York City, drawn on the Chase National Bank, are being counterfeited.

Thus far only merchants have been defrauded, but member banks are warned that these checks should be accepted for collection only, as this is the only method by which they may protect themselves against loss.

Mail Box Thieves in Los Angeles

MAIL box thieves are very active in and around Los Angeles. The latest check to which an indorsement was forged was cashed by one of them who is described as "Dr. Lawrence Wise" (1522), 35 to 38 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, dark complexion; well dressed. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

The California Bankers Association offers a reward of \$25 to the teller who apprehends this man. Insist on proper identification other than letters as these are easy to obtain and valueless for identification purposes.

Dr. Lawrence Wise

Long Operating



Walter Long

WALTER LONG (1520), an old offender, whose picture is reproduced with this article, defrauded a member bank at San Diego, Cal., with a check which he raised from \$15 to \$315. This check was written in pencil and was given to him by one of the bank's depositors for whom he had been working. In establishing credit he deposited several worthless and forged checks. During his tour of the country he passed worthless checks in Baltimore, Md., and Pensacola, Fla. He was last heard of at Pensacola.

Long is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 11½ inches tall, weighs 182 pounds, dark hair, hazel eyes. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Walter Long
Rancher

ROY BARTON (1487) defrauded a member bank at Fresno, Cal., with a check to which he forged the signature of his employer, a depositor of the Fresno bank.

Warning

WILLIAM Y. (YOUNG) ALLEN (1485) defrauded a member bank at Dallas, Tex., with a note signed by himself to which he forged the indorsements of Geo. H. Nesbitt and Mrs. D. J. Nesbitt. He also attempted the same fraud on another bank.

Allen is described as 46 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 240 pounds, stout build, bald on top of head, brown hair on sides, large brown eyes, smooth shaven; neat dresser; generally wears a derby; newspaper and advertising man; American; sometimes wears shell rimmed nose glasses; has a scar right side under eye which looks like burn; scar on right leg; scar on right side of chest, looks like gunshot wound. Allen is always talking about his experiences in China.

JAMES B. ARCHER (1486) attempted to defraud a member bank at Denison, Tex., with a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo. He claimed to represent some manufacturing concern in St. Louis and after having several places shown to him in which to open a branch of his company, was successful in having a small check cashed. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

James B. Archer

A man using the name of WALTER BASSICK (1488) defrauded a member bank at Cleveland, Ohio, with pay-roll checks purporting to be issued by the Painters' District Council No. 6, drawn on the Cleveland Trust Company. The checks were on obsolete forms, a book of which were stolen from the office of the council. Members are warned against these checks as there are more blanks in the hands of the operator.

GEORGE W. BATES (1489) defrauded a member bank at Jacksonburg, W. Va., with a note to which he forged the signature of his father and mother. Bates is also wanted at Akron, Ohio, for passing worthless checks. He is believed to have gone to Bakersfield, Calif. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Geo. W. Bates

CHARLES BERGER (1490), alias Carl Berger, attempted to defraud a member

Chas Berger
Fifty-two & Hun

bank at Peoria, Ill., with a worthless check drawn on the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis. He stated that he was sell-

ing pipeless furnaces. Berger is described as 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, slightly gray mustache, spoke with a German accent, used two pairs of glasses while writing check. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

LOUIS J. BRADLEY (1491) defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles, with a worthless check purporting to be drawn against his account in the First National Bank of Williamsport, Pa. He has drawn against this account from points all over the country. Bradley is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, dark complexion, heavy dark hair, smooth shaven; well dressed; well educated; fluent talker; wears Fourth Degree K. of C. pin.

O. W. BUTLER (1492) defrauded a member bank at Hobart, Okla., with a check given him by M. C. Turnbull on which he had raised the amount. He was employed by Turnbull as a cotton packer. Butler is described as 23 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches to 6 feet tall, weighs 155 pounds, slender build; two bad teeth in front; thumb off left hand.

J. L. BUYS (1493) defrauded a member bank at Oakland, Cal., with a check to which he forged the signature of the Sun-set Lumber Company, J. H. Hemphing, Mgr., and J. Toft, cashier. He was employed as an extra bookkeeper for the Sun-set Lumber Company, and stole three of their blank checks, numbered C5990, C5991, C5992, from their check book.

Buys is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 185 pounds, heavy set, dark hair, blue eyes, dark complexion, smooth shaven, American; wore dark suit, dark fedora hat; bookkeeper by occupation. He is supposed to have left for Oregon, accompanied by his wife, in a 1917 Stephens, five-passenger touring car, California license No. 253118. Buys' wife is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, blue eyes, dark complexion; American. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

J. L. Buys
2538-55 Ave

A. B. CLARK (1494) attempted to defraud a member bank at Richmond, Va., with a bogus auditor's check purporting to

A. B. Clark
J. H. Shrover
W. J. Haddock

be issued by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, drawn on the First National Bank, Richmond, Va., signed J. H. SHROVER, auditor, and W. S. HALLSHAN, treasurer. Clark is described as being 45 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, well dressed, good talker. Specimen of his writing is reproduced below.

HENRY CLARK (1495) is drawing worthless checks on the Commercial State Savings Bank of Detroit, Mich., purporting to be signed by Boyd and Company, builders. The checks bear a rubber stamp "Pay Badge No. 17" and Clark uses a badge marked No. 17 for identification purposes.

L. C. COOPER (1496) defrauded a member bank at Baltimore with a worthless check drawn on the Pacific Bank of New York City. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, slender build, "tanned" complexion, black hair, dark eyes, smooth shaven; wore dark overcoat and black derby hat. Specimens of his handwriting are reproduced below.

L. C. Cooper
Jan 29 Eight
Peaver.

E. G. CRAWFORD (1497) attempted to defraud a member bank at Chelsea, Mich., with a check to which the name of one of their depositors was forged. Crawford is described as about 50 years of age, 6 feet tall, stoop shoulders, gray hair, dark complexion. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

E. G. Crawford

ERNEST DALEY (1498) defrauded a member bank at Bethlehem, Penn., by a note swindle. He obtained a small sum on a plea that he was traveling to Newburgh, N. Y. At the time of his operation he was driving a Gardner touring car and displayed prominently a Fourth Degree of K. of C. emblem. He claims to be a charter member of a lodge in Mason City or Fort Dodge, Iowa. To establish his identity he exhibited a hunter's license issued by the State of Minnesota which gave his age as 29 years although his appearance was that of a man of 35.

Daley is described as between 30 and 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 170 pounds, very dark mustache, well spoken, pleasing manner; wore short fur-

lined coat, leather puttees. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Ernest Daley.
647. Oak. St
Bancroft Co.

BENJAMIN DUFRIES (1499) is traveling about the country defrauding hotels and merchants, with worthless checks drawn on the Lawyers Title and Trust Company of New York City. He has confined his operations to defrauding hotels but may at any time attempt to defraud banks. He is described as 38 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, dark complexion, clean shaven, dark eyes, no glasses, swings head from side to side when walking. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Benjamin Dufries
Lawyers Title
Fifty-four 4/1/20

A man using the name of JOHN A. FISCHER (1500), alias John Harter, alias Frank Stein, attempted to defraud a member bank at Buffalo, N. Y., with a check to which he forged the signature of their depositor. He is described as being 40 years of age, weighs 175 pounds, false bridge with gold tooth.

RAYMOND FORESTER (1501), alias Melvin Parker, alias Clyde Wills, caused a member bank at Springville, N. Y., to sustain a loss by paying out on a forged signature of their customer. Forester is described as 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark complexion, medium build, 5 upper teeth in front bridged and gold shows from inside.

GEORGE GAINER (1502) defrauded a member bank at Salt Lake City, Utah, with a check to which he forged the signature of one of their depositors. He is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, slender build, light or sandy complexion, broad shoulders; always wears laborer's clothes. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

George Gainer.

RUSSELL A. GAIR (1503) attempted to defraud the Eastern Exchange Bank of New York City with checks passed in the State of Connecticut, purporting to be drawn by him on the Bigelow State Bank since changed to Eastern Exchange Bank.

He is believed to be a bond salesman working for a New York concern.

GEORGE GALANTY (1504) defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles, Cal., with checks to which he forged the signature of their depositor. He represented himself as the brother of the depositor. Galanty is described as 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, light complexion, well dressed.

JAMES J. HAMON (1505) defrauded a member bank at Bluefield, W. Va., with a check drawn on the Citizens Savings and Trust Company of Wheeling, W. Va., to which the signature of Albert M. Clark and Company was forged. Hamon opened an account and, in error, was permitted to withdraw funds the next day.

G. E. HANSON (1506), alias R. G. Reed, alias R. L. Martin, defrauded several Los Angeles member banks with worthless checks drawn by him on the Madison and Kedzie State Bank, Chicago, and the Indiana National Bank of Indianapolis. Hanson is described as being 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 to 11 inches tall, sandy hair, long thin face with long nose, apparently Scandinavian by birth. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

R. L. Martin

ROBERT ARTHUR HARRIS (1507), alias Robert A. Cardaus, alias Arthur Morris, alias Walter Nealand, was able to obtain cash on several checks drawn on a member bank at Chicago, to which the signature of one of their depositors had been forged. Specimens of his writing are reproduced.

Leo A. Harris
Arthur Morris

WILLIAM HEDSELL (1508) defrauded a member bank at Kansas City, Mo., with a check drawn on the Peoples Trust Company, Kansas City, Mo., purporting to be signed by the Harris Contracting Company.

A man using the name ARTHUR HILD (1509) defrauded a member bank at Cincinnati, Ohio, with a check drawn on the Dayton Savings and Trust Company, of Dayton, Ohio, signed by the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company, to which he forged the indorsement of the payee.

DOROTHY HOLBROOK (1510) defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles,

Cal., with a check drawn on the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank to which the signature of their depositor was forged.

S. HOLT (1511) defrauded a member bank at Atlanta, Ga., with a check to which he forged the signature of officials of the Southeastern Decorating Company. Three checks were stolen from the check book of the decorating company.

P. A. HOWE (1512) defrauded a member bank at New Orleans, La., with a U. S. Treasury Pension check to which he forged the indorsement of the payee. A specimen of his writing is reproduced herewith.

P. A. Howe

ARTHUR JOHNSON (1513), alias J. Lieberman, has defrauded a member bank at Chicago, Ill., with forged checks. He is described as about 35 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds.

C. B. JOHNSON (1514) attempted to defraud a member bank at Chicago, with several bogus checks drawn on the Columbia National Bank of Washington, D. C., payable to his order and signed, Edward J. Mooney. He also deposited a check drawn on the Baltic State Bank, New York City, bearing the same signature. The faces of these checks were typewritten, and a check protector was used to write in the amount.

A. W. JONES (1515) defrauded a member bank at Des Moines, Iowa, with a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Sioux City, Iowa, to his order, purporting to be signed by F. D. Leeder and Company, per F. D. L. The description given of the operator is as follows: about 45 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 185 pounds, dark hair, light complexion.

JOHN D. JONES (1516) made an attempt to swindle several Chicago member banks with checks purporting to be drawn on the Cosmopolitan State Bank by one of their depositors. Jones deposited these checks to open accounts but was not permitted to draw against them.

YUKIO KAWATA (1517), alias Geo. Fuyo, was unsuccessful in his attempt to defraud a member bank at San Francisco with a check drawn on the First National Bank, San Francisco, to which the signature of Judge John T. Carey was forged. Four blank checks were stolen from Judge Carey's book. The signature on the check was copied from a check given to Kawata for salary. Kawata is described as 19 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, black hair, black eyes; Japanese.

A specimen of Kawata's writing is reproduced.

George Fuyo
67.00
Sixty

T. G. LELAND (1518) defrauded a member bank at Kansas City, Mo., with a worthless check drawn on the Transportation Bank of Chicago, signed John R. Hemphill payable to the Consumers' Supply Co. Leland is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighs 180 pounds, good build, fair complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, smooth shaven, good appearance.

JOSEPH LOCCIE (1519), alias Joseph Saputo, defrauded a member bank at Detroit with checks drawn on the Dime Savings Bank, of Detroit, purporting to be signed by A. Lasser. Lasser's check book was stolen and these were taken from the book. Specimens of his writing are reproduced.

Joseph Saputo
Joseph Loccie

D. L. MACK (1521), alias R. E. Wilson, alias W. H. Smith, defrauded a member bank at Oakland, Cal., with checks drawn on that bank to which the signature of their depositor was forged. Specimens of his writing are reproduced.

R. E. Wilson
W. H. Smith
Fifteen

W. T. MARTIN (1524) (Colored) defrauded a member bank at Cordele, Ga., with a check to which he forged the signature of one of the bank's depositors. He was the Atlanta representative of the Morning Star Lodge. He is described as about 45 years of age, weighs about 135 pounds, light chocolate complexion, rather thin features, very polite, uses very good English.

A woman using the names MOLLY MISSER (1525) and Mollie Evans defrauded a member bank at Sutton, W. Va., with a check to which she forged the signature of its depositor. She is described as

a very large woman. A specimen of her writing is reproduced.

Mollie Evans
Molly Missus

H. M. MURLEY (1526) caused a member bank at Tulsa, Okla., to sustain a loss when it honored a check of the Sheehan Pipe Line Construction Company which was given to him for work as a laborer and which he raised the amount from 75c to \$7.50.

CARL MUSTOE (1527), alias Cecil Chesler, is alleged to have defrauded a member bank at Fairview, W. Va., with a check purporting to be drawn by R. F. Chesler to the order of his son, Cecil. Mustoe spent some time in the home of Chesler as a boarder. He is described as 27 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, smooth shaven, ruddy complexion. Specimens of his writing are reproduced below.

Cecil Chesler
Eighty Two

MRS. J. B. O'HARA (1528), alias Mrs. J. B. Truin, defrauded a member bank at Houston, Tex., with checks to which she forged the signature of its depositor. It is alleged that she left Houston in a Ford Coupe accompanied by a man by the name of Bill Hammel. Mrs. O'Hara is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, medium build, black bobbed hair, cameo face, wore brown suit, green hat.

A woman using the name of MRS. B. OWENS (1529) defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles, Calif., with a check drawn on the Head Office of the Security Trust and Savings Bank to which the signature of W. B. Laymann was forged. She is 23 or 24 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 120 to 130 pounds, light brown hair, blue eyes, very red cheeks (natural). Specimens of her writing are reproduced.

Mrs. B. Owens
Alice Owens

C. N. PATTEN (1530) previously employed by a protectograph company of Rochester, N. Y., has been giving a great many checks to banks in southeastern Kansas drawn by him on the Conqueror Trust Company of Joplin, Mo. He also gave a check drawn on a non-existent bank at Rochester, N. Y.

Old Gag Works

JOHN P. MARTIN (1523) defrauded a merchant of Kansas City, Kans., with a check drawn on the Commercial National Bank of Kansas City, Kans. He represented himself to be in Kansas City to purchase ranch lands and gave a check for a large amount to bind the bargain. He then had the dealer indorse a check for him for a small amount, which check he easily cashed.

He is described as 65 years of age, 5 feet 4 or 5 inches tall, weighs about 150 pounds, blue eyes, hair silver, turning white, smooth shaven, fine complexion; wore Shriner's pin.

Wanted for Holdup



Edward Wilhite

EDWARD WILHITE (1541), alias Wm. E. Wilhite, has been indicted and is now wanted in connection with the holdup on Dec. 18, 1924, of the Citizens Bank of Florissant, Mo. Wilhite is described as follows: 23 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, slender build, blonde hair, blue eyes; occupation, auto mechanic. Bertillon measurements: 68.2, 73.0, 88.2, 19.1, 15.1, 14.0, 5.9, 25.1, 11.0, 8.6, 46.3.

HAROLD A. PITZELL (1531) defrauded a member bank at Louisville, Ky., with a check to which the signature of the Columbus Dispatch, A. J. Roberts, Managing Editor, was forged. This check was drawn on the First National Bank of Columbus, Ohio, to Pitzell's order. He deposited same and was permitted to draw against it. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 135 to 140 pounds, hair streaked with gray.

H. R. POORMAN (1532) has swindled a member bank at Chaffee, Mo., with worthless checks drawn on the First National Bank of Humboldt, Ill. Poorman is a middle aged man who is supposed to travel a great deal and is believed to be in Oklahoma at present.

LAWRENCE S. POTTER (1533) attempted to defraud a member bank at Dallas, Texas, with a worthless check payable

to his order, drawn on the Union Savings Bank and Trust Company, Steubenville, Ohio. He is a native of and well known around Geneva, Ohio. Potter is described as 28 to 30 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 140 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, smooth shaven; wore wool sweater vest and a fraternity pin.

ROY R. RIDGELY (1534) deposited several worthless checks drawn on a Florida Bank with a bank of Highland Park, Mich. He succeeded in cashing a check drawn against the Michigan Bank, Chicago, Ill. Ridgely is supposed to live in Detroit, Mich.

A man using the name BILL RUTHERFORD (1535) defrauded a customer of a member bank at Balboa, Calif., with a check drawn on that bank, to which he forged the signature of the Balboa Island Grocery Store, R. F. Brooks, Prop. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Bill Rutherford

F. H. SARKOS (1536) attempted to defraud the Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, with a worthless check drawn on the American National Bank of St. Paul, Minn. He produced a bank book showing a balance in a savings account with the St. Paul bank. Sarkos defrauded another Des Moines bank with checks of the same character. Sarkos is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark complexion, dark eyes and hair; neat dresser; Greek.

JAMES A. SHAWHAN (1537) attempted to defraud a member bank at Reading, Pa., with worthless checks given to merchants, purporting to be drawn on the Dollar Savings and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, by the Band G. Rubber Company, signed W. C. Bartlett, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. He is described as about 33 years of age; wears a Masonic emblem. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

James A. Shawhan

ROSCO SPENCER (1540) has been issuing worthless checks drawn on the Elkin National Bank of Elkin, N. C., for several months. He has so far favored cities in North Carolina and West Virginia. His latest operation is reported from Princeton, W. Va., where he was evidently endeavoring to purchase an automobile. His signature as appearing on the checks is reproduced.

Rosco Spencer

Arrests

Forgers

BATISIE, EDWARD—Re-arrested, at Detroit, held in the city jail.

BIAS, MILTON—January 9, at San Francisco, held in the city jail.

BIRMINGHAM, MRS. C. M.—January 10, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

BROWN, LEWIS J.—alias Nathan Cohen (T. N.), January 20, at Raton, N. Mex., held in the city jail.

BROWNER, MATTIE SUE—January 17, at Athens, Ga., held in the county jail.

CETINSKI, MRS. JOE—February 2, at Erie, Pa., held in the county jail.

CHAMBERS, GEORGE W.—January 17, at San Francisco, held in the city jail.

CHANDLER, LIONEL—January 12, at Cincinnati, held in the city jail.

CLARK, P. M.—January 26, at Atlanta, Ga., held in the city jail.

CUEVAS, WALTER E.—February 4, at Memphis, Tenn., held in the city jail.

ELMERS, M. M.—January 20, at Columbus, Ohio, held in the city jail.

ETTINGER, WM.—December 23, 1924, at Meadville, Pa., held in the county jail.

GERMAIN, B. F.—January 22, at Miami, Fla., held in the city jail.

GORLEY, J. E. (T. N.)—alias Frank Jones, January 9, at Los Angeles, held at the city jail.

HOLTZAPPLE, J. W.—at Los Angeles, held in the city jail.

HORTON, EDITH VIRGINIA—January 28, at St. Louis, held in the city jail.

HUGHES, ROY L.—January 17, at West Palm Beach, Fla., held in the city jail.

IWAKIRI, K.—at Salt Lake City, Utah, held in the city jail.

JOHNSON, CHARLES C.—alias Leonard E. Banton, January 19, at Houston, Tex., held in the city jail.

KIMBROUGH, CECIL (Negro)—February 6 at Jackson, Tenn., held in the city jail.

LUCAS, LESTER (Negro)—February 6, at Jackson, Tenn., held in the city jail.

McCLURE, IKE—alias Buster Billings, re-arrested, parole violator, and returned to State Penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn., to serve an unexpired sentence of 4 years on a previous forgery charge.

MEANS, MILLARD—January 17, at Yreka, Cal., held in the county jail.

MOON, MIKE—alias Wallace Brunning, February 11, at Baltimore, held in the city jail.

PULLEN, HERMAN—May 23, 1924, at Richmond, Ind., held in the county jail.

RETRIBES, PAUL—alias James Andrews, December 27, at New York City, held in the city jail.

ROLSON, REX—alias Rex Ralston, alias Rex C. Roelson, January 15, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

SANDERS, MRS. RUTH—November 17, 1924, at Chicago, held in the city jail.

SARANTOS, GEORGE—at Potlatch, Idaho, held in the county jail.

SHERMAN, PHILIP—alias Irving Radin (T. N.), January 3, at Baltimore, held in the city jail.

SNELSON, ROBERT—January 10, at Los Angeles, held in the city jail.

SUN, FOON (Chinese)—alias Wong Kwai, January 7, at San Francisco, held in the city jail.

TALLEY, EDITH—at Winters, Tex., held in the county jail.

WARREN, ED.—January 9, at Memphis, Tenn., held in the city jail.

WATKINS, E. T.—alias Harry R. Price, February 3, at Chicago, held in the city jail.

Burglars

CAMPBELL, CLAUDE—January 13, at East St. Louis, Ill., held in the county jail.

DUNNING, ELMER—at Omaha, Neb., held in the county jail.

KINZIE, HALE—at Omaha, Neb., held in the county jail.

LAWRENCE, BABE—February 7, at Phoenix, Ariz., held in the county jail.

LAWRENCE, BILL—February 7, at Phoenix, Ariz., held in county jail.

MORRISON, FRANK—at Fargo, N. D., held in the county jail.

Holdups

BAKER, JACK—January 17, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

BERBIGHA, JOE—at St. Louis, Mo., held in the city jail.

BLACKWELL, RILEY—January 27, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

BLEVINS, FLOYD—January 17, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

BRANDON, ROY—at Oklahoma City, Okla., held in the city jail.

BURGESS, JOHN—January 15, at Guthrie, Okla., held in the county jail.

BURNS, C. D.—at Wichita, Kan., held in the county jail.

BURNS, CURLEY—January 23, at Mattoon, Ill., held in the county jail.

BYERS, DALE—at Wichita, Kan., held in the county jail.

COWAN, ROBERT—February 5, at Fulton, Mo., held in the county jail.

FURREY, LYMAN—January 27, at Charleston, Ill., held in the county jail.

GORMAN, FRANK (Ex-Conv.)—at Tacoma, Wash., held in the city jail.

HARRIS, JAMES—January 17, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

HILL, JAMES—January 15, at Guthrie, Okla., held in the county jail.

HOOVER, W. M.—February 6, at Bristow, Okla., held in the county jail.

JELLA, ARTHUR—January 16, at Ottawa, Kan., held in the county jail.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM—January 15, at Guthrie, Okla., held in the county jail.

MAYFIELD, LEONARD—at Denoya, Okla., held in the county jail.

MEYLIO, GEORGE—at Tacoma, Wash., held in the city jail.

MILLER, TED.—January 27, at Mattoon, Ill., held in the county jail.

MUNSEN, ROY—January 23, at Mattoon, Ill., held in the county jail.

PELLIO, EMILIO—February 5, at New Orleans, held in the city jail.

POWELL, WENDELL—alias Dick Powell, January 17, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

RYAN, GEORGE (Ex-Conv.)—at Tacoma, Wash., held in the city jail.

SHOUQUETTE, EDDIE—January 19, at El Paso, Tex., returned to Oklahoma City, held in the city jail.

STILL, WM.—January 22, at Portland, Ore., held in the county jail.

TERRELL, HORACE—January 19, at Pawnee, Okla., held in the county jail.

WALLING—January 27, at Mattoon, Ill., held in the county jail.

WARD, JOSEPH—at Tacoma, Wash., held in the city jail.

WILSON, JIM—January 13, at Kansas City, Mo., held in the city jail.

Dispositions

Forgers, etc.

ALLEN, R. LAWRENCE—Probation.

ANTONINI, ED.—Case compromised.

APEL, HORACE M.—Insufficient evidence.

AURELLANO, DEMETRIO—Committed to Preston Reformatory and then released.

BECKWITH, DR. ANNETTE—2 to 20 years, sentence suspended.

BROWN, A. N.—30 days, county jail, Detroit, Minn.

BROWNER, MATTIE SUE—2 years hard labor, Georgia State Farm, Milledgeville, Ga.

BRUNDAGE, H. A.—7½ years, California State Prison, San Quentin, Cal.

CANNON, PEARL—House of Good Shepherd, Chicago, Ill.

CARR, ROBT., alias Harry Berman—Probation.

DAVIS, SAM B.—3 years' probation.

EDWARDS, VAL, alias Edw. Valentine—1 to 15 years, Iowa State Penitentiary.

EGGEBRATTEN, RUDOLPH T.—1 year, South Dakota State Penitentiary.

GARDNER, M. J., alias M. J. Warner, alias M. J. Warren, alias Henry Anderson—probation for 5 years.

GEMMELL, JOSEPH B.—4 months, Philadelphia County Prison, Philadelphia, Pa.

GLAESNER, HAROLD D.—Released.

GLEMBY, LOUIS—Case settled.

GOETZ, E. R.—2 years, Maryland State Penitentiary.

GRAHAM, A. L.—90 days, L. A. County Jail, Los Angeles, Cal.

GRAVES, LLOYD—Paroled on good behavior.

HANKS, C. K.—3 to 5 years, Washington State Penitentiary—sentence suspended.

HOFFMAN, FRANK, JR.—5 years, Washington State Penitentiary, McNeil's Island, Wash.

JOHNSON, CARL A.—2 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

KING, GROVER CLEVELAND, alias C. J. Brenner—6 months, county prison, Camden, N. J.

KRUGER, ED.—1 to 7 years, Minnesota State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minn.

LA PLANT, ALBERT—Returned to Washington State Reformatory to finish unexpired term of previous sentence for violation of parole.

LATHROP, EARL FREEMAN, alias Ernest Gordon—5 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.

LOPEZ, JOE J.—Placed on probation.

MARSTEN, FRED, alias Geo. E. Dunning 1 year, county jail, San Francisco, Cal.

MAY, ELMER L.—Sentenced to Federal Penitentiary, McNeil's Island, Wash.

MAYER, GEORGE—3 to 10 years, Montana State Penitentiary.

MEYERS, C. E.—Restitution effected.

MILLER, JAMES—3 to 15 years, Washington State Reformatory.

MONJAK, MIKE—Suspended sentence.

MORALES, A.—alias G. M. Salazar, 10 months, L. A. county jail, Los Angeles, Cal.

MURPHY, JAMES P.—5 years, New York State Prison, Auburn, N. Y.

NEUDER, FRANK X.—Case compromised.

PATTERSON, SIDNEY ALEX—60 days and \$200 fine or 90 days in county jail, Duluth, Minn.

PULLEN, HERMAN V.—Suspended sentence, 2 to 14 years, State Prison, Indiana.

RADIN, IRVING, alias Philip Sherman—Turned over to U. S. Military authorities on charge of desertion.

RETRIBES, PAUL—alias James Andreus, 6 months to 3 years, New York State Penitentiary, Sing Sing, N. Y.

SALYARDS, EMERY—Returned to San Quentin, Cal., to serve unexpired term.

SCHOEN, H. A.—1 year and 1 day, Iowa State Penitentiary.

SEAMAN, FRED W.—1 year Onondaga County Penitentiary, N. Y.

SHELTON, W. P.—Restitution effected.

SMITH, GEORGE—6 months, Lancaster, Pa., county jail.

SMITH, S. G.—alias W. W. Smith, 1 year, Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kan.

SOUTHARD, HARRY E.—60 days and \$200 fine or 90 days in county jail, Duluth, Minn.

STEELE, E. A.—Indeterminate term, Chain Gang, Atlanta, Ga.

TURNBULL, JOHN, alias Trumbull—Probation.

WAYMIRE, A. P.—Released.

WETTON, EDW. M.—1 to 14 years, Jackson State Prison, Chicago, Ill.

WIMBERLY, FRANK H.—2 sentences of 2 years each, concurrently, Texas State Penitentiary.

YARNOT, FRANK—Paroled on good behaviour

Burglars and Holdup Robbers

ARCHER, FRANK—Turned over to Federal authorities.

BAKER, JACK—alias Earl Williams, life sentence, California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Cal.

BLACKWELL, RILEY—alias Fred Jenkins, 25 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

BLAINE, ROBERT F.—alias John Smith, 3½ years, North Dakota State Penitentiary, Bismarck, N. D.

BOCK, CECIL—Released, insufficient evidence to convict.

BOFFENMEYER, ROBERT—25 years, Wisconsin State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.

BURGESS, JOHN—25 years, hard labor, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

CARNAL, FLORIAN—Turned State's evidence—released.

COOK, IRVING—90 days at Ellsworth, Wis., and 1 year, Minnesota State Prison.

DANIELSON—5 years, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

DAVIS, FRED—Acquitted.

DAVIS, RAY—Released account of ill health.

DENTON, TOM—10 years to life, Southern Illinois Penitentiary.

DEVIL'S LAKE RED (John Linden)—15 years, South Dakota State Penitentiary.

DEVORAK, TED—Sentenced to South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

DISHBEIN, FRANK—Released.

ETHERIDGE, JOHN L.—Arrest reported in error.

GREEN, CHARLIE—Released.

GUYER, JACK—Released.

HARDY, VANCE—Life sentence, Marquette Prison, Mich.

JOHNSON, WM.—25 years hard labor, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

KLINE, FRED—15 years, South Dakota State Penitentiary.

LEE, MARTIN—Life sentence, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

LORANGER, HANK—Turned State's evidence—released.

LUNSFORD, JAMES—Released.

MARSHALL, ED.—Suspended sentence 1 year.

MASON, H., alias Harry Miller—4 years, 6 months, Prince Albert (Can.) Penitentiary.

MAYFIELD, LEONARD—50 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

McAVOY, CHARLES—Held in Canada on 18 charges. Will be sentenced there.

MORGAN, EDWARD—Arrest reported twice.

MORGAN, EDWARD—1 to 10 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.

MURPHY, TOM—alias Dan Mayne, 90 days at Ellsworth, Wis., and 1 year, Minnesota State Prison.

NELSON, HARRY—90 days at Ellsworth, Wis.

RAYMOND, HARRY—alias Pat Carroll, 15 years, Ft. Madison Prison, Iowa; his apprehension was reported in previous issues of the JOURNAL.

REBEC, WM.—Released.

REED, JOHNNY—Turned over to Canadian authorities and was given suspended sentence 2 years.

REPLOGLE, C.—10 years, Oregon State Penitentiary, Salem, Ore.

ROACH, JOHN W.—Released.

ROBESKE, WILLIAM—Life sentence.

ROUSECK, HENRY—Released.

ROSS, HOMER—35 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.

RYAN, JAMES—7½ years, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

SHIRLEY, SHEP—alias James Sweeney, 7 years, South Dakota State Penitentiary, Sioux Falls, S. D.

SLAYDEN, W. H.—1 to 10 years, Southern Illinois Penitentiary.

SMITH, ROSCOE—Acquitted.

STAMPER, DALE—Released.

SWIFT, CLIFTON—1 to 10 years, Illinois State Penitentiary, Joliet, Ill.

WALCHER, MATTIES—25 years, Wisconsin State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis.

WILSON, JIMMIE—alias King, 9 years, Prince Albert (Can.) Penitentiary.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Since Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Feb. 1924	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Died	Awaiting Trial
Forgers.....	207	182	35	217	128	62	5	229
Burglars.....	62	36	6	42	24	7	4	69
Holdup robbers.	83	164	30	194	66	19	5	187
Total.....	352	382	71	453	218	88	14	485

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SECTION TWO

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.
FLORIDA, MIAMI.—220-221 Calumet Building.
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-922 Healey Building.
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1020 Otis Building.
IOWA, DES MOINES.—609 Observatory Building.
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—930-932 New Hibernia Bank Building.
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—200 Devonshire Street.
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—D. S. Morgan Building.
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—165 Broadway.
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—1012 Keiths Theatre Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Sweetland Building.
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—908 Colcord Building.
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—1108 Diamond Bank Building.
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.
TEXAS, DALLAS.—207 Mercantile Bank Building.
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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Stolen Bond Cache Located

WITH the arrest in New York of ROMEO FORLINI, (1547) a dapper Italian "Fence" for handling stolen securities, it is believed the operations of the several swindlers we warned of in the November supplement of last year will at least be checked, if not completely stopped. Forlini was arrested by local and Federal authorities working on information supplied by our detective agents.

He was arraigned before a United States Commissioner and is at present being held under \$100,000 bail.

A safe deposit box rented by Forlini served as depository for thousands of dollars in registered Liberty and industrial bonds. Among the registered bonds found were Erie, Southern Pacific, Timken, Chicago and Rock Island and Liberty bonds. About \$100,000 in bona fide securities have been recovered by the authorities. Just how many more securities will be recovered cannot be ascertained at

this time, but Forlini is alleged to have said to an Assistant United States Attorney "If you treat me right, I will be able to recover \$10,000,000 worth of missing securities for you."

Forlini's arrest may not influence or terminate the activities of those with whom he might have been working, and it is of utmost importance that banks still maintain their guard against the activities of swindlers who tender spurious certificates as collateral on loans, by scrutinizing all instruments presented.

Securities stolen from the following banks are now in the possession of the Federal authorities: Elgin State Bank, Elgin, Kansas; Bucyrus State Bank, Bucyrus, Kansas; Bank of Raymore, Raymore, Missouri; Bank of Centerview, Centerview, Missouri; First National Bank, Marissa, Illinois. It is possible that other securities will come into the hands of the authorities.

Can You Identify These Bandits?



Nathan Colton, alias Long

John Joseph Sullivan, alias Marshall

Phil Ammersbach, alias Summers

Charles Ward, alias Long

James Edward Burns, alias Gilmore

THE five men whose photographs are reproduced above were recently apprehended following a gun battle with farmers, deputy sheriffs and South Bend, Ind., police officers at Mill Creek, Ind., after they had held up and robbed a small bank at Millburg, Mich.

Our agents, who were engaged in investigating a holdup of a Springport, Mich., bank, immediately on learning of the arrest of these five men, proceeded to St. Joseph,

Mich., accompanied by several witnesses of the Springport holdup and there, after having the witnesses look over the prisoners, definitely ascertained that JOSEPH JOHN SULLIVAN, (1542) alias Marshall, PHIL AMMERSBACH, (1543) alias Summers, and CHARLES WARD, (1544) alias Long, were three of the men who held up the Springport bank. The other two, NATHAN COLTON, (1545) alias King, and JAMES EDWARD BURNS, (1546)

alias Gilmore, while not definitely identified in connection with the Springport job, are being held for the robbery of the Millburg bank.

From present indications all of these men have quite long records and will have administered to them a very severe penalty for their criminal activity. Officials of banks that have been held up are requested to examine these photographs and advise if any are recognized.

Loans Sought on Raised Stock Shares

ABAND of swindlers, directed by someone well versed in the handling of stock certificates, is obtaining funds by disposing of raised standard stock certificates through banks and business houses located in the mid-western cities.

The stock so far dealt in includes easily marketable issues, such as General Motors, Bell Telephone, Gulf States, Sinclair Oil, Pullman Company, Illinois Central and New York Central.

These swindlers have an easy method of approach which immediately throws the victim off guard. After establishing headquarters in a prominent hotel, they then

arrange interviews with known well-to-do business men. They claim that they are planning to do business in that community on a large scale. Under the guise of secrecy and, through supposed fear of exposing their plans to competitors who might also enter the field and raise obstacles, the swindlers offer these men positions as officials of the supposed new concern and enlist their personal aid in raising money on loans by depositing these raised stock certificates as collateral.

As these certificates are presented by men well known to them, the bankers and brokers do not hesitate to make the desired

loan; and as the stock is offered as collateral and not for sale, the swindle is not discovered until a default of a payment on the loan occurs.

A careful scrutiny of all collateral is necessary to insure against a loss or court action that might follow in the event of accepting stolen or raised certificates.

Mosheik Found Guilty

Aaron Mosheik, the youthful forger who was successful in putting over a large number of forgeries, was found guilty during his recent trial at Chicago.

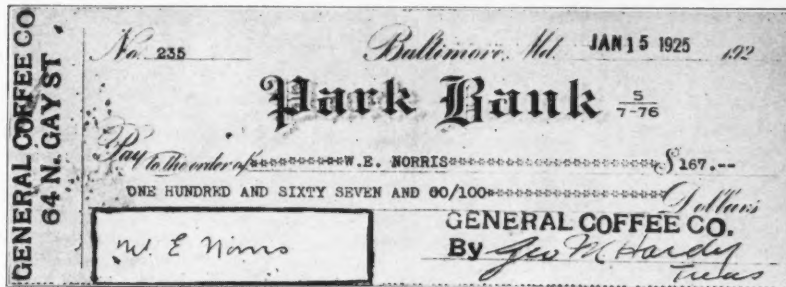
Small Stranger Cashes Worthless Checks on Coffee Firm

WHEN a man who measures slightly over 5 feet, weighing about 120 pounds, having light hair, thin face, and being about 28 years of age, walks into your bank and either presents himself individually or has someone identify him in order that you might cash a check, he may be the same operator who has used the names of W. E. NORRIS (1550), alias W. E. Good, alias G. M. Prosser.

Norris recently realized on worthless checks which he presented to various banks in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The checks used are ordinary forms of the Park Bank, Baltimore, Md., and are ostensibly issued by the General Coffee Co., by Geo.

M. Hardy, Treas., or McCormick & Co., by M. J. Johnson, Treas. The firm names are placed on the checks by rubber stamps and

pany and to fill in the date. The operator forged the name of George M. Hardy as treasurer.



One of the checks Norris presented, with the signature he signed appearing in the insert

it is possible that others may be used.

As will be observed, the check was filled out on a typewriter. Rubber stamps were used to designate the General Coffee Com-

pany and to fill in the date. The operator forged the name of George M. Hardy as treasurer. Any information regarding him should be forwarded to the nearest office of our agents, so that their records may be complete.

The checks are drawn on the ordinary forms supplied by the bank. There is nothing about the checks to make them look so authentic that a careful teller would cash them without having the person presenting them properly identified.

We are reproducing herewith one of the worthless checks negotiated by Norris so that he may be readily recognized.

A Mixup on Certifying Checks

RECENTLY a man using the name of R. E. H. HOOD (1549) called at an Atlanta, Ga., bank and submitted to the bookkeeper a check, ostensibly bearing the signature of one of the bank's depositors, which from all appearances was genuine. The check was certified. Subsequently, the cashier of a Macon, Ga., bank called the Atlanta bank over Long Distance requesting to know if their books indicated they had certified the check which Hood was presenting to them. The answer being

in the affirmative, the Macon bank paid the money on the check.

The depositor of the Atlanta bank, whose signature was that apparently appearing on the check, has now made affidavit to the effect that his name was forged. Member banks are warned to be on the alert for this operator who is described as follows: 28 or 30 years, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 135 to 140 pounds, light brown hair, medium complexion, wide forehead, narrow face; claims to be an electrician.

WARNING

A MAN using the name of GEORGE R. ANDERSON (1551), sent by mail from Weldon, Texas, to J. M. Lyon & Company, diamond merchants, a check in the amount of \$270, which bore the forged certification of the First National Bank of Madisonville, Texas, and requested that several diamonds be forwarded to him at Weldon. Simultaneous with this incident, word was received advising that similar checks were presented to the Central Manufacturing District Bank at Chicago, and Montgomery Ward at Oakland, California. This criminal's methods are crude and his success depends solely on the negligence of others.

White Escapes



George B. White

GEORGE B. WHITE, (1548) who had imposed on him the latter part of last year a ten-year term of incarceration, for his part in the holding up of a messenger of the Exchange National Bank of Tampa, Florida, recently escaped from the convict camp near DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Every attempt is being made by the authorities and our agents to return this man to penal servitude and your cooperation is asked to accomplish this by being on the alert for him. His photograph is reproduced herewith, and he is described as follows: 24 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall,

weighs around 140 pounds, slender build, black hair, dark brown eyes, dark complexion, smooth shaven.

High Stakes!

WE are reproducing below a bulletin issued recently by the Illinois Bankers' Association, and ask all members to be on the alert for presentation of the bills at their banks.

\$10,000 Bills

Five \$10,000 Gold Certificates were recently obtained by con men in a swindle. The numbers of the bills are:

K 7890
K 12056
K 19016
K 15868
K 4622

Banks, Stock and Bond Houses, American Express Substations, etc., are requested to watch for these bills. Should they be presented, question parties presenting them, detaining them, if possible, and notify this office or the Chicago Detective Bureau immediately.

The Chicago Detective Bureau holds warrant for one J. B. JOHNSON, (alias John Doe), who fraudulently obtained this money.

W. BELMONT (1552) extracted funds from a Tonopah, Nev., bank on a worthless check he tendered them. The check was drawn on the Bank of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nev., and signed by Belmont. He is described as being 33 years of age, over six feet tall, 200 pounds, fair complexion, and light brown hair.

A man using the name of JAMES BURNS (1553) recently defrauded a Browning, Mont., bank by means of a check bearing a perfect forgery of their customer's signature. Present information indicates he is headed South to either Kansas City or San Antonio, Tex. Little is known of him beyond the following description: about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, dark complexioned, and wore a full grown beard (dark brown). He has a scar on the back of his right hand. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced herewith.

James B. Burns
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CHARLES CLAWSON (1554) recently passed a forged check on a merchant at Billings, Mont. It was later paid by the drawee bank through the clearings. Our agents are endeavoring to locate Clawson who is said to have come to Billings from Fayetteville, W. Va., where he has a wife and child. He is 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, medium heavy build, has light complexion and light hair, slightly bald.

CHARLES E. COX (1555) recently succeeded in having an Atlanta, Ga. bank accept two checks bearing a forged signature. The forgeries in this particular instance were not of the copy type but were traced, as was evidenced upon comparing the forgeries with the bona fide signature. The description of Cox follows: 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, eyes and hair not noted; wore a gray suit, gray hat, and, generally speaking, has a very neat appearance.

H. L. DADISMAN (1556) has attempted to defraud banks by the use of worthless drafts. The First National Bank, Rio Grande, Tex., recently received a draft drawn on it through the mails. No account existed for the drawer and consequently payment was not made. Shortly afterwards the First State Bank, Rio Grande, Tex., received a telegram requesting funds be wired Dadisman, care of Marine Bank and Trust Company, Springfield, Ill., and advising that a draft was being mailed to cover. That bank also has no account in this name. Dadisman was a soldier at Ft. Ringold, Tex., about four years ago. No other information or description is available.

One HARRY E. DAVIS (1557), claiming to be employed as salesman for an office supply company in Kansas City, succeeded in getting the "O. K." of an officer of a bank on a worthless check drawn on the First National Bank of Wichita, Kan. The operator is described as 30 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, medium dark hair and complexion, round face, well dressed, occupation salesman.

JOHN DIANA (1558), posing as a real estate man, opened an account in a Chicago bank and made a few deposits both in cash and checks. Within three weeks' time he deposited a large check (over \$1,000) ostensibly bearing the certification of a Boston, Mass., bank. Between the time the check was deposited and the anticipated date of its clearing, all money deposited, including the amount represented in the check, was withdrawn from the bank by Diana. Later, the "certified" check was returned unpaid from the Boston bank with notice that the certification was a forgery.

Representing himself as presently employed by the Miami Beach First National Bank, Miami Beach, Fla., R. H. DRYSDALE (1559), exercised his idea of reciprocal courtesy among banks by having a check cashed. The matter of cashing a check, as he seems to give the impression, is only incidental to his call. In reality a Washington, D. C., bank and one of his

army buddies suffered a loss through this operator. Drysdale also obtains money by means of self-professed acquaintance with people of prominence. This man is described as being about 30 years old, weighs 240 pounds, has dark hair, and is 5 feet 10 inches tall. A reward of \$25 is offered by Syd W. Spharler, of Henderson, Rusk County, Texas, for his arrest.

GEORGE DUMITER (1560) deposited a check which turned out to be worthless with a member bank at Hamtramck, Mich. It was drawn on the Wayne County and Home Savings Bank of Detroit, Mich. Unfortunately, Dumiter was permitted to draw against this deposit before it was discovered that the check was worthless. He represented himself as a real estate dealer. Dumiter is described as 50 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, fairly well dressed; Greek or Italian.

Geo Dumiter
X 3900 Fairview

W. K. EDENS (1561) is the name used by a man in Roosevelt, Okla., who gave to a Hobart, Okla., bank a worthless check in payment of a chattel mortgage and note. Subsequently, when it was discovered that the check was worthless, it was also learned the mortgaged property had been disposed of and Edens had left the State. This places the operator in the category of a mortgage swindler and member banks are being warned against similar tactics by this or other operators.

On the strength of being a responsible citizen's brother-in-law, ARTHUR J. EDWARDS (1562) defrauded a Boston, Mass., bank by obtaining cash on a series of checks which later proved to be forgeries. Not only did Edwards cash checks at the bank but a number of merchants suffered losses in a similar manner. Since cashing the checks Edwards has disappeared from Boston and there is every likelihood his success there will encourage a repetition of his criminal activities elsewhere. Edwards is described as being 42 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 135 pounds, dark hair and eyes, and, commonly speaking, has the reputation of having been a worthless individual all his life.

JACK GUNDERSON (1563), alias Guy Hunter, relieved an Oklahoma City, Okla., bank of some funds on a forged check. Gunderson, in executing his criminal act, employed a time-worn scheme. He first rented rooms from a woman in the city and obtained her signature on a piece of paper under pretext of requiring same to get his mail at the Post Office. In later conversation with the woman he elicited from her the name of the institution in which she maintained a bank account. The description of Gunderson is: age, 23 years, height, 5 feet 6 inches, weight, 120 pounds, blue eyes, light hair; voice pitched like a woman and his actions were rather effeminate.

HOLLAND HAYES (1564) succeeded in defrauding a bank at Camden, S. C., with a forged check drawn on the Bank of Kershaw, Kershaw, S. C. Hayes is believed to be in Raleigh, N. C. We are unable to supply a description of him at this time.

CHAS. W. HIRSCH (1565) recently succeeded in defrauding a Los Angeles, Calif., bank by depositing to an account which he had opened, a check, purporting to have been drawn by the Hillman Manufacturing Company, over the signature of its President, E. C. Hillman, on the Continental National Bank of Los Angeles, payable to Chas. W. Hirsch and indorsed by him. The operator was permitted to withdraw against the check which at a later date was returned with a notation that the signature was a forgery. We have been advised that a number of such checks have been passed by the operator. A warrant for the arrest of this man is in the possession of the "Forgery Detail" of the Los Angeles Detective Bureau. Member banks are requested to be on the alert and thereby assist in his early elimination.

AMOS HOSTETLER (1566) enriched himself to the extent of several hundred dollars when he succeeded in having a Canton, Ohio, bank cash a check for him. Hostetler was known to the bank's officers and when he presented a check drawn on the George D. Harter Bank, where he did at one time have an account, the funds were paid out on same. The loss was discovered later when the check was returned showing Hostetler's account had been closed at a prior date.

The operator is described as being 41 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, brown eyes and very bow legged. He limps slightly. It is believed he is headed for California in a 1923 Studebaker Bix Six Speedster Touring Car, serial No. 203058, motor No. 31942, license No. 760644 (Ohio), dark maroon color, and that he is accompanied by a woman about 25 years old, 5 feet 6 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds, having dark brown hair (bobbed) blue eyes and is rather good looking.

It has been reported by Wm. H. Seward and Company, Bankers of Auburn, N. Y., that a man using the name of WALTER J. HOWLEY (1567) cashed worthless checks on one of their customers. The checks were drawn on the Second National Bank of New York, and purported to be for salary from the "Perfumery Dept." A warrant has been sworn out at Auburn for his arrest. Specimens of his writing are reproduced.

Walter J. Howley
the order of

RALPH JOHNSON (1568) operating under several aliases is being sought by the Blue Township, Mo., authorities for having defrauded a number of merchants and banks

in and about Kansas City, Mo., on forged checks. Johnson is described as being 27 years of age, 5 feet 9 to 10 inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, has light complexion, light hair, and blue eyes. Up to the present time he has issued checks in small amounts only. His recent success, however, may cause him to attempt to go after larger sums.

J. C. KENNEDY (1569) is alleged to have forged signatures to checks purporting to be drawn by the American Foundry, on a member bank at San Diego, Calif. The safe of the American Foundry was robbed and several blank checks stolen. It is believed these checks are some of those that were stolen. No description of the operator is available. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.

J. Kennedy
John C. Kennedy

An Italian, using the name of JOE LAMANTIA (1570) forged the signature of E. Borman of the Spaulding Tire Service Company to checks of that company which were reported as stolen from them. Lamantia passed the checks on an Italian merchant. It is expected that this operator will make further attempts to obtain money unlawfully and member banks are warned to be on the alert.

W. D. LAWSON (1571) gave checks to a member bank at Dumas, Tex., drawn on the Midway Bank and Trust Company of Dalhart, Tex., and also on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Abilene, Tex., to which the signatures had been forged. Lawson is described as 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, slender build, dark hair, dark eyes, very dark complexion; two upper front teeth decayed; served in War and has silver tube in throat which makes him eat very slowly.

BERNICE LE FAIRE (1572). Member banks are requested to be on the lookout for, and attempt to establish the identity of an operator who has recently been passing checks in small amounts on merchants and banks in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Calif. The checks are made payable to Bernice Le Faire and bear that indorsement. The maker's name appearing on the checks is Mrs. J. F. Cronkshank. The address beneath the indorsement is given as 1720 West Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. We are reproducing a specimen of the handwriting appearing on these checks.

Bernice Le Faire
Cronkshank J. F.

WILLIAM MANUELS (1573), alias William Ahlers, alias J. H. Hathaway, has

Bogus Stocks

A MEMBER bank located at Pawtucket, R. I., has advanced the information that a man styling himself as JOHN NASH (1579) is endeavoring to borrow money from banks on bogus stock certificates of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Ltd. The unloading of spurious securities on unsuspecting or careless banks is at the present time being executed by a number of notorious swindlers throughout the country. Considerable losses have been suffered by private individuals and banks through this prevailing hobby of the higher type of crooks.

been drawing checks against the State National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., in which bank he has no account. He has defrauded several merchants in this manner. Manuels is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 200 pounds, heavy build, blonde hair, blue eyes; handy at odd jobs and general building repairs.

Mr. William Manuels
\$26 Ahlers

A. B. MARTIN (1574) is the indorsement placed on checks that a Mandan, N. D., bank suffered a loss on through these being forgeries. This operator has been active in this vicinity and member banks are warned to be on the alert for him. He is described as being 30 to 35 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 to 160 pounds; thin, florid face, with grouchy expression and brown hair.

A. B. Martin
Cash Fifty 50

CHAS. L. McDANIEL (1575), alias Chas. Jackson, has recently defrauded a number of people by issuing worthless checks and forging signatures. One member bank located in Atlanta, Ga., suffered a loss on a forged check which is regarded as cleverly copied. This operator is youthful, being but 23 years old. He is readily identified by the following description: 6 feet tall, weighs 180 pounds; has dark hair, brown eyes, ruddy complexion, irregular teeth; peculiarities, has a baby face and talks like a baby. He is very nervous and his general appearance suggests that of the

proverbial "Tea Hound." A specimen of his handwriting appears below.

Feb. 9 1925
Raymond L.
Atlanta Ga

THOMAS G. MILLER (1576) opened an account with a member bank at Kansas City, Mo., with a worthless check drawn by him on the First National Bank in Detroit, Mich. No description is available but a specimen of his writing is reproduced.

Thomas G. Miller

W. H. MOORMOUGH (1577) has a practice of offering for deposit, drafts on distant banks and although the banks inform him they will only accept same for collection, he immediately proceeds to issue a number of checks. The drafts are worthless. His most recent operation was in the vicinity of Ft. Pierce, Ga. Moormough is described as follows: 30 to 35 years old, 6 feet tall, weighs 165 to 170 pounds, has blonde hair and reddish mustache; broad shoulders, slightly stooped.

JOHN H. MURRAY (1578), alias E. H. Martinson, alias E. M. Gebhart, alias Bauley, attempted to defraud a merchant of Kansas City, Mo., with checks on the First National Bank of Rochester, Minn. We have not been supplied with a description.

Forty-eight checks of the Acme Pump Company of Huntington Park, Calif., were stolen and are now being passed on merchants and banks by a man using the name of WM. PARDO (1580). All checks so far cashed have borne the forged signature of C. E. Price, an officer of the Acme Pump Company. Banks are warned to be on the lookout for this man. He is described as being 26 years old, 5 feet 7 inches, smooth shaven, round face, blue eyes, and no doubt a member of the gang of Mexicans who have been burglarizing business offices, stealing blank checks, forging signatures of persons connected with the company from whom checks are stolen and then passing them in promiscuous fashion. A specimen of this operator's handwriting is appended to this article.

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Wm Pardo
286 Malabar

A young man whose name is unknown forged the indorsement of the payee to a check drawn on the Citizens Trust Com-

pany of Paterson, N. J., for which he received the cash from a bank at Ann Arbor, Mich. He is described as 18 or 19 years of age (looks older), 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds, medium build, fair complexion, light brown hair, smooth shaven, wore rough working clothes and leather vest.

FRANCIS G. PRESCOTT (1582), alias F. L. Bonney poses as an importer. He presents a card purporting to be his business card. It bears both Chinese and English print. After preliminary introduction he proceeds to pass a worthless check. Those so far handed out by him were drawn on the Bank of Italy, Los Angeles, Calif., and bore the signature, A. W. Beck Co. His most recent activities took place in Miami, Fla. Prescott is described as being 34 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 175 pounds, has black or brown hair (not certain) and blue eyes; combs hair straight back; has appearance of being Chinese, his eyes being squinty and slanting toward his nose. A warrant has been issued in Miami for this man's arrest.

A man using the name of CLARENCE B. PRICE (1583) opened an account in an Atlanta, Ga., bank where he made several small deposits. Subsequently on calling at the bank he withdrew a portion of the sum he had deposited and at the same time cashed a check which was later discovered to have been raised from \$1.24 to \$120. At the present time we are unable to supply a description of this operator.

A. L. REYNOLDS (1584), it is alleged, forged the name of a depositor of a Kansas City bank and succeeded in cashing the forged instrument. Reynolds, who has been regarded as an upright man as far as can be learned, seems intent on plunging into a life of crime. Examination of his office at Miami, Okla., resulted in the finding of other forged instruments in his desk. Reynolds is described as 51 years old, weight 170 to 180 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches tall; has blue eyes. He is reported to be treasurer of a fraternal organization and a resident of Kansas City, Mo. A specimen of his handwriting appears below.

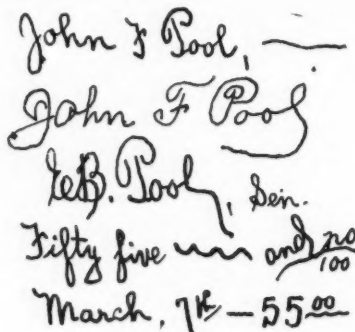


"E. B. Sen."

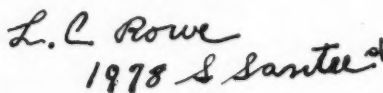
A MAN using the names of JOHN F. POOL (1581), alias E. B. Pool, Sen., alias Eugene Richard, alias E. B. Richard, Sen., and who will no doubt use others, is operating in the middle west with bogus checks drawn on different banks. Before presenting his bogus check at a bank, Pool, alias Richard, secures in some manner, a specimen of the signature of one of the bank's depositors which he forges as an indorsement.

The name signed to the checks usually starts with the initials "E. B." and is fol-

lowed by "Sen.," which, apparently, is meant to designate "Senior." The surname of the payee is generally the same as that of the ostensible maker. We are unable to furnish a description of the operator, but his handwriting is characteristic and we trust that the reproductions herewith will enable any member approached in the future to prevent loss. Any information regarding this man should be forwarded to the nearest office of our detective agents.

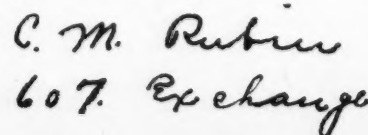


L. C. ROWE (1585) alias H. C. Greer, alias L. C. Greer, who it appears was in trouble in the past, left Los Angeles, Calif., intending, as he told his parents, to begin all over again. A number of forgeries recently put over on a Los Angeles, Calif., bank would indicate that Rowe is starting all over again but not the way he indicated. Rowe is described as being about 24 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, slender build, light complexion, blonde hair. A specimen of his writing is reproduced herewith.



A Fast Worker

CHARLES M. RUBIN (1586) has recently defrauded automobile dealers and banks out of generous sums of money in various ways. Among them he poses as a painter, who could paint signs as well as artistic sketches. He pretends to be wealthy and opens an account at a bank, either individually, or, as in one case called to our attention, jointly with a widow he successfully won within a short space of time. He then deposits sizable checks drawn on some distant bank. What follows after is the stereotype process of drawing against his account before the checks deposited have cleared. If he succeeds in getting the money he usually clears out before the checks return. Rubin is described as being 5 feet 6 inches tall, 130 pounds, rather pallid complexion; he wore a light colored Charlie Chaplin mustache. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

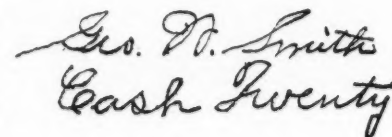


After HOWARD SCHULTZ (1587) opened a savings account in January with a Cleveland, Ohio, bank, he made several cash deposits. About three weeks following the opening of the account he deposited a cashier's check drawn on the Iron Commercial and Savings Bank of Cedar City, Utah. Several days later, Schultz called at the bank and withdrew a considerable portion of the amount represented in the check in addition to the actual cash he deposited. Then the check came back marked "Forgery" and the bank lost several hundred dollars as the result. Schultz's success might encourage an encore but member banks can queer his game and save themselves a loss by refraining from paying out on uncollected items.

The fact that G. H. SHRIVER (1588) has no account with a bank in Los Angeles, Calif., on which checks he issues are drawn, does not seem to interest him much. Merchants and banks are being defrauded by acceptance of the worthless paper he is handing out. No description of Shriver is at present available. Recent information indicates he went to San Francisco.

HENRY SIMONS (1589) attempted to defraud a member bank at Bristol, Pa., with a worthless check drawn on the Integrity Trust Company of Philadelphia, which bore the signature of C. W. Jamison and Son. Simons tendered this check as down payment on a farm. He is described as 55 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 220 pounds, heavy build, smooth shaven; fine appearance.

GEO. W. SMITH (1590) representing himself as field representative of the Macabee Lodge to a member bank at Mesquite, Tex., succeeded in having cashed two worthless checks drawn on the State Bank and Trust Company of Dallas, Tex. Smith is described as 38 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighs 225 pounds, good build, dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, smooth shaven. A specimen of his writing is reproduced.



A man representing himself as ARTHUR STUBBLEFIELD (1591) swindled a member bank at Stevenson, Ala., with a check to which he forged the signature of a country merchant. He deposited this check and was permitted to draw against it.

W. R. TANNER (1592) defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles with a worthless check drawn on the Mutual Bank, Kansas City, Mo. He is described as 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, weighs 175 pounds, light complexion.

W. J. TRAMEL (1593) is operating in Indiana and Michigan presenting worthless checks drawn on the Foreman National Bank of Chicago, where a small savings account was opened by the operator. The original amount appearing in the savings pass book has been raised to \$200 or more and the checks presented are usually drawn in amounts of \$25.

Member banks are warned against accepting these checks as they are drawn against a savings account which is not subject to checking.

A man using the name of C. WALLACE (1594) swindled a member bank at Kansas City, Mo., with several checks to which the signature of their depositor, Brown's Garage, was forged. Seven blank checks were stolen from the book of the garage. He is described as 26 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches tall, medium build, dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes.

WEST B. WALTERS (1595) alias R. L. Walters, has victimized several merchants of Inglewood, Cal., with worthless checks drawn on the Pacific Southwest Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, each in the amount of \$18.

T. W. WATSON (1596) attempted to defraud a member bank at Los Angeles, Cal., by forging the indorsement of a woman to a check which he obtained by fraud. Watson learned that the lady mentioned had stock in a certain corporation. Pretending to represent her, he presented forged papers and receipts and received check in payment for same. Previously he opened an account with the bank, but he did not appear to cash or deposit the check. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, dark complexion, smooth shaven, American.

A negro using the name of J. B. WEBB (1597) successfully defrauded a Memphis, Tenn., bank by means of a forged check. No description of Webb is available at the present time.

S. L. WESTERMAN (1598) defrauded a member bank at Parkville, Mo., with worthless checks drawn on the First National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., purporting to be signed by G. B. Vaughn. He carried a letter from the White Eagle Oil Company, stating it was sorry to discharge him but had to reduce its force. He is described as 55 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender build, hair getting gray, dark eyes, wears glasses.

JOHN WILLIAMS (1599), alias L. Mitchell, alias W. T. White, has defrauded a Cleveland, Ohio, bank through forging the signature of one of their depositors and the certification stamp of the bank on checks which he passed in other cities. For the dual purpose of eliminating himself from suspicion and to get a facsimile impression of the certification stamp used by a bank, he actually opens an account, makes deposits and withdrawals, the latter sometimes on certified checks. Having an account of his own which readily establishes a feeling of

security for others cashing his checks, he experiences little difficulty in putting over the forgeries.

His method has an aspect of newness which will be a bank's weakness unless they are on the alert to curb his activities. His description is as follows: 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches tall, 150 to 160 pounds in weight, black hair, dark eyes, swarthy complexion, Jewish features and wears heavy shell rim glasses.

W. B. WILLIAMSON (1600) in the parlance of the underworld is "scoring" on a method in many respects similar to that employed by Louis Ackley, now serving time, whose activities have been described in previous supplement issues (refer previous JOURNAL supplements). Williamson entered into what appeared a legitimate deal with a Detroit attorney. The attorney, a reputable citizen, was employed by Williamson to represent him for a rather agreeable monetary consideration. Business and courtesy running hand in hand, the attorney, at the operator's request, effected an introduction at his bank. The bank refused, however, to pay out funds on a \$2,500 draft presented by the operator until it was honored, but Williamson was not to be put off that easy.

A short time later he presented a \$200 draft, explaining he was in need of immediate change to discharge some small obligation. The bank wisely had the operator secure the attorney's "O.K." which was easily obtained. The attorney lost this time. It may be a bank next. Protect yourself by being on the alert for Williamson. No description is at present available.

L. O. WILLIS (1601) forged the "O.K." of an officer of a member bank at Fort Worth, Tex., to a check drawn by him on the Southwest National Bank of Dallas, Tex. The check was worthless. No description is at present available.

C. F. WILSON (1602), who formerly lived in Newell, W. Va., has recently been issuing worthless checks in the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio. Banks are warned to be on the alert for this operator. While we have no description of the man, we are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting.

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403 Cash*

GEORGE WILSON (1603) attempted to defraud a member bank at Dallas, Tex., with a bogus cashier's check of the City Savings Bank and Trust Company of Shreveport, La., purporting to be signed by Bert S. Mitchell, cashier. The number of the check was put in with a rubber stamp in dark red figures. The form was printed by H. L. Bath Co., Ltd., of Shreveport.

WALTER WINKLER (1604) relieved a Kansas City, Mo., bank of a large sum by forging an assistant cashier's "O.K." on an otherwise worthless check. His description is: Around 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighs 190 pounds, complex-

ion regarded as dark and has a rather coarse voice.

JACK WINTEMUTE (1605), alias Floyd Wilson, alias Thomas Webb, alias William Cardnell, defrauded a member bank at Los Angeles, with checks drawn on the California Bank, Los Angeles, purporting to be issued by the L. A. Pretzel Co., per P. F. Gerberich. He was formerly employed by this concern. Several checks were stolen from the check book of the L. A. Pretzel Co., presumably by Wintemute.

A. D. WRIGHT (1606) and a man known as SANDERS opened an account with a bank at Des Moines, Iowa, where they represented themselves as agents for handling the bonds of a local institution. They were permitted to draw against the account, in which they had deposited several checks which they had no authority to indorse. Wright is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 160 pounds, dark hair, medium complexion, round face, well dressed.

ARRESTS

Forgers

- ANTON, NICK—January 16, St. Louis, Mo.
- BECKONI, FRED H.—February 5, County Jail, Tacoma, Wash.
- BLANCO, SEVERINO—March 1, County Jail, Sacramento, Cal.
- BRACKENRIDGE, N. B.—February 16, County Jail, Mansfield, Ohio.
- CETINSKI, JOE—February 2, Erie, Pa., returned to Cleveland, Ohio, city jail.
- DARBE, EDWIN—February 19, Detroit, Mich., city jail.
- DOLAN, JAS. E.—February 28, Los Angeles, Cal., city jail; rearrested following release in September, 1924.
- FLEMING, C. J.—March 4—Chicago, Ill., city jail.
- GRAY, STANLEY—February 13, Kansas City, Mo., city jail.
- HAMMONDS, BERT.—January 21, Okemah, Okla., county jail.
- HARDEN, SAM (Negro)—February 13, Kansas City, Mo., city jail.
- HAYS, GEORGE—February 15, Shreveport, La., county jail.
- HOLT, SAM—February 22, New Orleans, La.; to be returned to Atlanta, Ga., city jail.
- HOWE, P. A.—February 21, New Orleans, La., city jail.
- JASMIN, GUY—March 4, New York, N. Y., city jail.
- JONES, AMOS—February 25, Los Angeles, Cal., city jail.
- KENNEDY, J. J. (Ed. Kravet)—March 1, Chicago, Ill., city jail.
- LAWRENCE, MARJORIE LEE—February 6, St. Louis, Mo.; forfeited bond.
- LOPES, PABLO (Joe Rosa)—February 7, Los Angeles, Cal., city jail.
- MADIX, G. O.—February 7, San Diego, Cal., county jail.
- METZER, ROY—February 12, Greencastle, Ind., county jail.

POMEROY, EDW. CHAS.—February 16, Gulfport, Miss., county jail.

SLEATOR, EDW.—February 10, Los Angeles, Cal.; to be returned to Salt Lake City, city jail.

SONO, J.—March 7—Orilla, Wash.; to be returned to Seattle, Wash., city jail.

SMITH, HARRY K. (Chas.)—March 10—Chicago, Ill., city jail.

SWAN, GEO.—February 15, Edgewater, N. J., city jail.

THIBIDEAUX, LEWIS—February 1, Miami, Fla., city jail.

Burglars

CARTER, JACK—February 11, El Dorado, Ark., county jail.

JOHNSON, JOE.—February 11—El Dorado, Ark., county jail.

KELLY, JAS.—February 11, Williston, N. D., county jail.

TERRELL, ROY—February 22, Sapulpa, Okla.; rearrested following escape.

WEST, WM. E.—February 22, Stillwater, Minn.

WILLIAMS, ROLAND B.—February 22, Sapulpa, Okla., county jail; rearrested following escape.

WILSON, RAY—February 22, El Dorado, Ark., county jail.

Holdups

ANDERSON, GEO.—Oklahoma City, returned to Waureka, Okla.

ARGANBRIGHT, V. M. (Bud)—Los Angeles, Cal., city jail.

BALL, WALTER—Killed at Noble, Okla., February 12 in a fight with officers, after having held up the First National Bank, Noble, Okla.

BECKLEY, PERCY—February 12, Los Angeles, Cal., city jail.

BONGIVINO, JIM—March 4, Detroit, Mich., city jail.

BOREMAN, THOMAS—February 27, Detroit, Mich., city jail.

BROYLES, BERT—St. Louis, Mo., city jail.

CALDERELLO, TONY—February 2, Kansas City, Mo., county jail.

EDWARDS, ROY—February 20, Fort Dodge, Iowa, county jail.

FOREMAN, EDDIE

HARTNELL, JACK—Oakland, Cal., city jail.

JONES, FRANK—February 12, Noble, Okla., county jail.

LAMPMAN, SYLVESTER, February 10, Des Moines, Iowa, county jail.

LAYTON, HAROLD—February 10, Des Moines, Iowa, county jail.

McKINLEY, CLARENCE—St. Louis, Mo., city jail.

OLIVER, ACE (Negro)—February 10, Des Moines, Iowa, county jail.

SCHOFFIELD, ARTHUR—Kansas City, Mo., county jail.

SHEA, MARTIN—February 20, Detroit, Mich., county jail.

WHITEHEAD, NEAL—Casper, Wyo.; to be returned to Sapulpa, Okla.

DISPOSITIONS

Forgers, etc.

ADLER, LOUISE—Case settled.

ANDERSON, ROSCOE, alias Jas. White—Case settled.

ANTON, NICK—Acquitted.

AWARD, GEO.—Six months Baltimore, Md., city jail; when released to be returned to Detroit.

BAGGERLY, S. C.—No prosecution.

BATESIE, EDWARD—2 to 14 years, Michigan State Reformatory, Iona, Mich.

BEEDE, LUMAN J.—Released.

BOULIS, G. D., alias E. Spanas—5 to 25 years, Washington State Penitentiary.

BOYER, C. W.—No prosecution.

BROWN, OLIVER F., alias J. H. Freeman—Released.

BRUN, A. L., alias W. H. Hamilton, alias F. Mayer, alias E. B. Hatfield, alias W. F. Walker—15 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

CALLAHAN, HARRY G.—Released.

CASWELL, E. R.—Returned to McAlester for 3 years.

CLINE, KINGDON, alias Clint Moss—Settled.

DRIZDA, VAKAR—5 years, Leavenworth.

EVANS, A. F., alias W. A. Evans, alias Frank A. Evans—Never arrested.

FENDERN, ISADORE—Suspended sentence and paroled.

HLUZACK, FRANK—\$25 fine and 4 years, county jail, Easton, Pa.

HENSLEY, W. W.—2 years in McAlester Penitentiary.

HORTON, EDITH, alias Mitchel—St. Louis City Sanitarium for the Insane.

JACOBS, DAVID—Six months.

JUDSON, GEO. H., alias Fred Kruse, alias Wm. Kaumann—Escaped from Mercer County jail, Trenton, N. J.

LAWRENCE, MARJORIE LEE—Jumped bail. At large.

MEANS, MILLARD E.—Settled.

MORRISON, DON, alias Donald Olsen—Oregon Penitentiary. Term not specified.

MORELAND, GEO. C.—3 years, Raiford Prison (flat).

MOSHEIK, AARON, alias Ben Blaz—1-14 years, Illinois Penitentiary.

MURPHY, DAN H., alias C. A. Gardner, alias J. C. Reid, alias A. B. Roberson, alias L. B. Fischer, alias C. B. Gibson—Fugitive, jumped bail.

ORTELL, GEO., alias John Larkin—Dismissed.

ROBINSON, GEO., alias W. E. Harris—2 years, Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

STEELE, L. L., alias Roy A. Hunter—Escaped.

SWAN, GEO.—3 months to 3 years, New York Penitentiary.

THIBIDEAUX, LEWIS—Settled.

VANCE, GEO., alias Clint Harris—1 year, Oklahoma State Prison.

WARREN, GEO. F., alias Al. G. Warren, alias Geo. A. Warren—Probation for restitution.

WAY, JACK, alias Fred Harris—Dismissed.

Burglars

JOHNSON, JOE—3 and 2 years, State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.

NIMERICK, CLYDE—10 years, Kansas State Penitentiary.

WOODRUFF, ONA—Dismissed.

CARTER, JACK—3 and 2 years, State Penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark.

Holdups

ANDERSON, GEO.—25 years, McAlester Penitentiary.

BALL, WALTER—Killed at Noble, Okla., in a fight with officers after holding up a bank.

COURIS, PETE—5 to 7 years, Walla Walla.

DANKE, WALTER EDW.—Acquitted.

GOTT, WM.—Acquitted.

GRIFFIN, THOS., alias T. J. Ryan, alias T. T. Jones—Indeterminate sentence in State Prison at Folsom.

HICKEY, PETER—Discharged.

HINTON, ETTA—Acquitted.

HUTSON, HELEN—Discharged.

LAMONT, WALTER—Discharged.

SHOUQUETTE, EDDIE—25 years, McAlester.

VECCHIO, SAM—Acquitted.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Since Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported March, 1924	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Died	Awaiting Trial
Forgers.....	207	217	27	244	145	76	10	220
Burglars.....	62	42	7	49	27	8	4	72
Holdup robbers.	83	194	19	213	70	26	6	194
Totals.....	352	453	53	506	242	110	20	486

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SECTION TWO

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CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.—I. N. Van Nuys Building.
CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.
FLORIDA, MIAMI.—220-221 Calumet Building.
GEORGIA, ATLANTA.—921-922 Healey Building.
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1020 Otis Building.
IOWA, DES MOINES.—609 Observatory Building.
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—930-932 New Hibernia Bank Building.
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—200 Devonshire Street.
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—D. S. Morgan Building.
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—165 Broadway.
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—1012 Keith's Theater Building.

OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—908 Colcord Building.
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—1108 Diamond Bank Building.
TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.
TEXAS, DALLAS.—207 Mercantile Bank Building.
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.
VIRGINIA, RICHMOND.—Virginia Railway and Power Building.
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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Pass Forged Cashier's Checks

A VERY clever forger recently took advantage of the banking custom of monthly reconciliation of financial transactions between depository banks and depositor banks with a resulting loss to a New York City depository bank.

The forger, who it is reasonably believed is C. J. DRYDEN (1607) or some other member of the McCarthy gang of forgers, had cashier's checks printed, showing the depositor bank as the issuer and the depository bank as the one drawn on. On these he forged the signature of the treasurer of the depository bank. The checks were then taken by various members of the gang and used as initial deposits in accounts opened at several banks. The checks, being artful forgeries, passed undetected and were paid by the depository bank

when received in the clearings, following which the various individual accounts quickly disappeared through immediate withdrawals.



C. J. Dryden

The loss to the depository bank was discovered when the depositor bank rejected the several spurious instruments as forged, after reconciling their accounts.

It is suggested, in order to avoid a repetition of this method of criminal attack, that banks, depositor and depository, undertake to effect a daily reconciliation. Losses such as these could be avoided by sending a daily report on all cashier checks drawn on out of town depositories.

We are reproducing with this article, a photograph of C. J. Dryden, who is wanted by the New York authorities for his previous activities along similar lines as above.

Working the Forged Certified Check Scheme

CHARLES ROSE (1610) and **NICK CAROS** (1611) are experts on forged certification. We are carrying these operators under the above names as their true identity is unknown, and one or the other of them has also used the following aliases: John Diana, Harry Simons, George Ralis, Sam Quarry. They are having considerable success in defrauding merchants and individuals by means of worthless checks bearing forged certifications and a few banks are included in their list of victims.

The method employed to defraud a bank is the old one of opening an account and

keeping it active by legitimate transactions for about a month. Then one or two worthless checks in large amounts drawn

on these items before returns have been received.

We are reproducing herewith a check bearing the forged certification stamp of the Public State Bank of Chicago and urge members to be on the alert for checks of this description.



A check bearing the forged certification, with a reproduction of Simons' signature inserted.

The description of the operators is as follows: Charles Rose—30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, has dark complexion, dark hair and a small dark mustache. Nick Caros—

40 to 42 years of age, 5 feet 9 or 10 inches, weighs 175 to 180 pounds, has light complexion, dark brown hair and small brown mustache.

on out-of-town banks and bearing forged certifications are deposited. The bank then sustains a loss through permitting withdraw-

Do You Know This Couple?

JULIUS J. RUCAZAVICH (1608) alias John J. Raymond, and **FANNIE RUCAZAVICH** (1609) alias Fanny Raymond,



Julius Rucavich

were apprehended by local authorities at Lynn, Mass., and following trial were sentenced to serve two months in the House of Correction.

When arrested this couple had on them check books of the Citizens Savings and Trust Company, the Guardian Trust Company and the Drovers and Mechanics National Bank of York, Pa.; the Lancaster County National Bank of Lancaster, Pa.; the Merchants Trust Company of Camden, N. J.; the Citizens Trust Company of Schenectady, N. Y., and the Commercial Bank and Trust Company and the Albany Trust Company of Albany, N. Y.

The man's description is: Age, 27 years; 5 feet 8 1/4 inches, medium complexion, light brown hair and blue eyes. The woman's



Fannie Rucavich

description is 29 years of age, light complexion, 103 pounds, 5 feet 3 inches, brown hair and blue eyes.

We are reproducing their photographs and suggest that, if our members are interested in these operators, they take the

necessary steps to have complaints filed and detainer warrants lodged against them with the Massachusetts authorities.

Fake Pullman Company Checks Being Circulated

OUR attention has been called to the renewal of the activities of a swindler regarding whom we published articles in the November, 1924, and January, 1925, issues of the JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT. This man is responsible for the passing of bogus railroad and Pullman Company pay checks.

Recently the police of Houston, Tex., cooperating with railroad detectives, caused the arrest of a negro uttering the checks, but the forger has not been apprehended. He discontinued his fraudulent transactions for a time, but is again issuing checks and has either secured another accomplice to negotiate them or is doing so himself.

The method of operating is to open a small savings account, making an initial deposit of \$10 or \$15 in cash; then again

Jay L. Hall

call at the bank in a day or two, present a check purporting to be a payroll check and request that it be cashed. Inasmuch as the operator carries a savings account,

the bank is often thrown off guard and funds advanced on the uncollected item.

The names recently used are HARRY PARKER (1612) alias James Garvan, alias Leonard E. Barton, alias Jay L. Hall, alias John Ray. We are reproducing a specimen of his handwriting, and he is described as follows: 28 to 30 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, light brown complexion, hair is wavy but not kinky, thin face, narrow nose, lips not thick as those of the average negro, tip of right front upper tooth decayed off, has gold crown upper left front.

Sells Bank Worthless Stock

A SWINDLER and a female accomplice traveling under the names of C. H. MASON (1615) and MRS. M. L. BAKER (1616) respectively, caused a New Orleans, La., bank to sustain a considerable loss.

Mason secured a loan of \$2,000 on some worthless stock purported to be a bona fide security of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. After securing the loan, Mason advised the bank at a slightly later date that he had been in touch with Mrs. M. L. Baker, formerly of Los Angeles, and that she had in her possession stock of the Stillman Copper Mining and Milling Company, and would sell it at 15c. per share.

Mason suggested that he could sell the stock to a Chicago concern named Cowen

and Company at a higher price, which resulted in a telegram being later received from another accomplice of Mason's in Chicago, advising they would pay \$1.65 per share and take all that could be delivered. The bank bought the stock and later found it to be worthless.

The description of Mason is given as follows: 53 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, chalky white complexion, blue eyes, Mongolian slant toward nose, very soft voice. Mrs. M. L. Baker is described as being 35 years old, rather small build, dark complexion, has projecting upper front teeth.

These people are smooth talkers, and banks are warned to be on the alert for them.

Stolen Letter of Credit

AN artful crook using the name of DR. CALVIN McMAHON (1613) doped two fellow acquaintances while stopping at a hotel in Salt Lake City and stole from them letters of credit, which he is now using in defrauding banks. The stolen letters of credit are described as follows: Issued by the National City Bank of Los Angeles in the amount of \$2,000, dated February 10, 1925, No. 2, payable to Joseph B. Williams. Issued by Thomas Cook and Son in the amount of 700 pounds, payable to Broadhead (first name unknown at this time).

The thief is described as being about 37 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, has dark brown hair, rather bald in front, brown eyes and stubby dark mustache. We would suggest that if either of these letters of credit is presented, the operator be detained and your local police, as well as the nearest office of our agents, notified.

Anderson Active in the West

F. W. ANDERSON (1614), alias William Bowen, alias William H. Henderson, has been flooding western states with bogus cashier's checks. The checks usually are for sums well above \$100. Many banks, as well as individuals, have lost through cashing these checks, one of which we are repro-

ducing herewith.

This check was ostensibly drawn by a Vancouver bank on the Hanover National Bank of New York. The signature of the president of the western institution was forged. Bowen's signature is shown in the insert appearing in the reproduced check.

NO PROTEST

THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK No. 1230
SAVINGS AND COMMERCIAL
Vancouver, Wash. MAR 21 1925

THE SIGNATURE OF THE PAYEE
William Bowen
SUBSERS HERE FOR PURPOSE OF IDENTIFICATION

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *William Bowen* \$ *150.00*

One Hundred and NO OTHER PARTS DOLLARS

TO THE HANOVER NATIONAL BANK
NEW YORK, N. Y. *E. M. Blum*

One of Anderson's bogus cashier's checks

Stolen Bonds

"SAFE crackers" burglarized a Montpelier, La., bank and escaped in autos with an approximate \$3,000, which they had removed from the safe after blowing same. The identity of the burglars is at present unknown. The following bonds were stolen, and member banks are requested to be on the alert for their appearance at their banks:

3rd issue 4¼	\$100 Liberty Bds.	No. 3914396
4th issue 4¼	50 Liberty Bds.	H-03282698
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	K-02705860
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	K-02705861
4th issue 4¼	50 Liberty Bds.	J-03282699
3rd issue 4¼	50 Liberty Bds.	3676588
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	J-02705859
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	B-02705862
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	C-02705863
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	D-02705864
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	E-02705865
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	F-02705866
4th issue 4¼	100 Liberty Bds.	G-02705867

Select Your Printer With Care

RECENTLY two men were arrested at Cleveland as the result of their activities in passing worthless and forged checks, in promiscuous fashion, on merchants and banks. Their operations involve a feature not unusual but vitally important enough for member banks to take cognizance of.

They had arranged with a printing house in Cleveland to print some checks bearing the name of the Akron Sheet Metal Com-

pany, drawn against a Cleveland bank. This particular printing company called the bank, inquiring if such an order was authorized by them. Their call resulted in the arrests of the men giving the order, when the bank disclaimed knowledge of any such order. Now, since it is true these operators had been using printed checks of a large variety, some unscrupulous or careless printer elsewhere must have favored these criminals

by printing checks for them.

For the protection of member banks it is suggested they exercise the greatest care in the selection of printers to do their work, assuring themselves that the printing company is as dependable as the Cleveland concern above referred to. Steps should be taken also to safeguard themselves against leakage or the mysterious disappearance of checks.

Jensen Wanted

RALPH JENSEN (1617) alias George Jensen, alias Harry Nelson, operating under several aliases, is being sought by the Blue Township, Mo., authorities for having defrauded a number of merchants and banks in and about Kansas City, Mo., on forged checks. Jensen is described as being 27 years of age, 5 feet 9 to 10 inches in height, weighs 140 pounds, has light complexion, light hair and blue eyes. Up to the present time he has issued checks in small amounts. His recent success, however, may cause him to attempt to go after larger sums.

Did They Visit You?

A NUMBER of gypsy "short change" artists and sneak thieves responded to their natural tendency for stealing recently. While one of the Indian women entered a bank in Duck Hill, Miss., and engaged the cashier in conversation, another, who only took a casual part in the conversation, stole several packages of bills. The gypsies were later apprehended through the efforts of our agents and in all, three members of the gypsy band were arrested. Their names were given as MIKE MITCHELL (1618), MARY MITCHELL (1619) and MARY GEORGE (1620). This gang recalls to mind a band of gypsies who operated throughout the New England and Middle Atlantic states a number of years ago.

Fake Solicitor

CHARLES M. GREER (1621) prior to August, 1924, was employed by the Leslie-Judge Company, in increasing their southern circulation. Subscription notes were discounted with banks in and around Aberdeen, N. C., and always subsequently redeemed by the Leslie-Judge Company. He was discharged from this position last fall because of a dishonest transaction. Since that time he has continued to discount notes with banks, which have had no reason to believe him other than an honest man. Investigation discloses the fact that subscriptions on which he now discounts notes are forged, and due to a deviation from the custom of issuing bank drafts to Greer's former employer, the drafts were issued to him.

Lost or Stolen Bonds

The following bonds have been reported to us as either having been stolen or lost

from the vault of an Allentown, Pa., bank: No. 200,205 Third Liberty Loan, \$500; No. 200,206 Third Liberty Loan, \$500. Member banks are requested to be on the alert for presentation of these bonds at their banks.

Warning

AN operator working under the name of MATTY ABRAMSON (1622) has been uttering worthless checks in promiscuous fashion. So far only merchants have suffered by this operator's activities. He is described as being 29 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 130 pounds, slender build.

R. B. ADAMS (1623) recently defrauded an Indio, Cal., bank of a sum of money by forging the signature of one of the bank's depositors. Adams is believed at the present time to be somewhere in the vicinity of Yuma, Ariz. No description of this man is at present available.

A stranger representing himself to be F. P. BASKIN (1624) presented a \$40 check to a Jonesville, La., bank and persuaded it to cash the same for him. The check turned out to be a forgery. Baskin is described as being a man about 40 years of age, weighing about 225 pounds.

MRS. LIZZIE A. BOUDREAU (1625) a former resident of Cairo, Ill., has, during the past several months, developed into a first-class worthless check operator. Fortunately her operations up to this time have not been directed against banks. However, it is well that member banks be on the alert for this woman. She is described as being 40 years of age, short in height, heavy build, regarded as untidy in appearance and usually accompanied by her young daughter, who is about 6 years of age.

JOHN S. BROWN (1626) alias Teddy Brown, was told by a Medford, Mass., bank that he would have to be identified before they would cash a check for him. He left the bank, but returned a short time after with a check-bearing the forged indorsement of one of the bank's depositors.

Harvard Brown

*John S. Brown
Seventy Five 75 00*

This check was cashed for him. The description of the operator is given as 28 years old, 5 feet 8 inches, 130 pounds, light complexion and of good appearance.

MRS. VIRGINIA BROWN (1627) alias A. H. Morgan, recently defrauded several California banks by negotiating worthless checks. Mrs. Brown is described as being 40 to 45 years of age, height, 5 feet 9 inches; weighs 225 pounds; complexion, coarse; hair, medium brown, bobbed; light blue or gray eyes.

A young man alleged to be RAY J. BROWNIE (1628) called at a Los Angeles bank and presented a letter which contained a notice that some money was being held at the bank for him. The bank actually found that a telegram had been received from another bank requesting them to pay A. Bardell Larson the sum of \$50. The young man presenting himself at the bank claimed he was Larson and sufficiently satisfied the paying teller, so that finally he paid the money. The description of the suspect is given as: Age, 25-30; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, 190 pounds; smooth shaven; ruddy complexion. We are reproducing a specimen of this operator's handwriting.

*A Bardell Larson
804 So Main*

An oil field worker, known as H. L. CRAWFORD (1629) caused a Wortham, Tex., bank a loss on a check he forged the signature on. The operator is described as being 25 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 170 to 175 pounds, athletic build, dark brown hair, fair complexion, smooth shaven.

H. N. DANSEITH (1630) alias Scott Wilson, alias C. L. Dinsmore, alias P. L. McGee, has been cashing checks in Canada, Michigan, Ohio and, in fact, throughout the Middle West. The checks are drawn on the Mutual Trust Company of Westchester County, Portchester, N. Y., where there is no account for him. The checks are usually typewritten. In the lower left hand corner the word "Payroll" appears. No description of this operator is available at present.

Styling himself as HARRY DENIKE (1631) a check operator defrauded a Boston, Mass., bank by means of several bogus checks, which he succeeded in having them cash. No description of Denike is available.

A party known as MARGARET G. EVANS (1632) defrauded a Maringouin, La., bank of a sum of money by over-drawing her account and, when notified of the overdraft, disappeared from town. The act of this woman seemed deliberate, consequently placing her in the category of a worthless check operator.

Hits Theatres

HERMAN FREEDMAN (1633) in his criminal operations functions in a rather interesting manner. Freedman will forge the name of a bona fide depositor of some bank to a check which most generally is drawn to the order of some ticket agency. He will then call the ticket agency on the phone, advising that he is Mr. So and So, and asking if he sends a messenger around with a check, which he received from one of his good customers, will the agency deliver to him so many tickets to a certain theatrical performance or other public exhibition. The reply, when in the affirmative, results in Freedman securing a quantity of tickets, which he later peddles for cash in various sections of the city. Freedman's specialty is to take advantage of some committee handling the tickets for a charitable affair of some description. Freedman is described as 25 to 26 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches tall, 128 to 130 pounds, slender build, dark hair, smooth shaven, Jewish, neat dresser and of a sporty type. A specimen of his handwriting appears below.

*Herman Freedman
Hundred Forty
346 Thru*

Taking advantage of an acquaintance's good reputation, E. W. FUNK (1634) succeeded, following an introduction to a Tonganoxie, Kan., bank, in having them cash a worthless check for him. No description of Funk is at present available.

Formal complaint has been filed with the district attorney's office at Sacramento, Cal., for the purpose of arresting W. E. GOLD (1635) and MRS. W. E. GOLD (1636) on charges of forgery. Gold is described as being 35 to 40 years of age, about 175 pounds, 5 feet 3 inches, brown eyes, dark hair, Jewish appearance. Mrs. Gold is described as being 30 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches, 150 pounds, reddish brown hair, bobbed, and what might be termed a baby face.

After buying a bill of goods at the store of a local merchant in Kansas City, Mo., GEORGE W. GRAHAM (1637) presented a check in payment for same, which subsequently proved to be a forgery. Graham is described as follows: About 25 years old, 6 feet tall, slender build, dark complexion, dark hair, smooth shaven, good dresser.

G. L. HANSON (1638) defrauded a San Francisco bank by means of a forged check,

which was paid by them through the clearings. The criminal was described as follows: Age, 45; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 155 pounds; slender build, light brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion and appears to be a Swedish American.

A worthless check operator using the name of EMIL HEDMAN (1639) recently defrauded a number of merchants and banks in and around Los Angeles on checks which he forged. Emil also used the alias of Burton. His description, as supplied to us, is 25 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 140 pounds, slender build, medium dark complexion.

It is alleged ROMEO HERBERT (1640) alias A. Lampert, alias A. Jacoby, alias Grabow Brothers, alias Alfred Lampard, is connected with the forging of a number of checks bearing the name of a depositor of a River Rouge, Mich., bank. The description of this operator is given as 20 to 21 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches, 120 pounds, small build, brown hair, dark eyes, medium complexion, is quite deaf.

A. Jacoby

A Chicago bank suffered a loss on forged checks written and cashed by LEROY HOWARD (1641) alias William E. Merritt, on numerous merchants in and about the city. A description of Howard, as supplied to our agents, is as follows: Age, 28; height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; weight, 185-190 pounds; dark hair, dark complexion, heavy eyebrows, clean shaven.

A. V. HUGHES (1642) deposited in an account he opened with a St. Louis bank a check supposedly signed by his brother. The check was worthless, but during the interval between the time of his depositing and rejection through the clearings, Hughes issued two checks which were honored by the bank and resulted in a loss. Hughes' description is given as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, heavy build, ruddy complexion, high cheek bones, big mouth and ugly features. A specimen of his handwriting is appended to this article.

A. V. Hughes

W. W. HURDMAN (1643) is another of the operators who manage on short acquaintance to induce a reputable citizen to introduce him at a bank in order that the bank may cash checks for him. Hurdman went through the preliminaries of the introduction, but when about to produce the check he feined the discovery that he did not have it with him and advised that he would return. Upon his return he presented a sight draft on the Fidelity-Phenix Insurance Co. of New York, which was cashed. The draft was a forgery. No description of the operator has been supplied us.

A specimen of his writing follows:

W. W. Hurdman

A woman assuming the name of ALICE E. HUTCHINSON (1644) presented for deposit to a Somerville, N. J., bank a check which subsequently proved worthless through reason of her not having an account at the bank on which the check was drawn. This operator is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches, slender build, brown hair, large brown eyes, pale complexion, talks rather erratically. A specimen of the operator's handwriting appears herewith.

*March 5
Alice E.
Hutchinson*

Using the name of MRS. RUTH JOHN-SON (1645) a female operator succeeded in defrauding a Dallas, Tex., bank. No description of the operator is available at this time. However, a specimen of her handwriting appears herewith.

*Mac hatilton
23 Feb 2 Mars*

A suave individual styling himself as R. F. JONES (1646), alias R. F. Taylor, alias George F. Harris and numerous other aliases, has been defrauding merchants and banks in the vicinity of Los Angeles on worthless checks, which he has been issuing. A description of this operator is given as: Age, 40-50; height, 5 feet 11 inches; weight, about 200 pounds. Generally speaking Jones has the appearance of being heavy set. A specimen of his handwriting appears below:

*J. R. Taylor
R. F. Taylor 514*

An individual posing as JACK KELLER (1647) secured from an Escanaba, Mich., bank a sum of money on a check which it

*Jack Keller
jack Keller
12 25*

later developed was a forgery. The description of this operator, as supplied by the bank, is 22 years of age, blue eyes, dark brown hair, rather prominent ears, small scar on the back of his left hand. A speci-

men of the operator's handwriting is reproduced on the preceding page.

Worthless checks of the William Scott Realty Company (non-existent) and signed by A. L. KLEIN (1648) alias H. E. Bell, alias Scott and Bell, drawn on the State National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., have been unloaded on merchants, individuals, etc., in and about St. Louis. No description of the operator is at present available.

H. E. Bell
Ten and 25
H. E. Bell

WM. H. KORTH (1649) was denied the privilege of inspecting the burglar alarm systems of two Cairo, Ill., banks. Korth's calling card reads as follows: "W. H. Korth, Flasher Expert, Office, Putnam Building, 42nd St. and Broadway, New York; residence, 9 Kester Court, Coney Island, N. Y." The Putnam Building is located at 1493-1505 Broadway, running from 43rd to 44th St. and not at 42nd St., as indicated on the "Flasher Expert's" card. As a matter of precaution we would suggest that member banks permit none but duly authorized representatives of the companies from whom they purchased their safes and alarm systems to make inspections.

A check drawn on a non-existent bank styled as the Union Pacific National Bank, Rock Springs, Wyo., made payable to WILLIAM LAWSON (1651) and signed John J. Summers, Secretary, was cashed by a local merchant at Danville, Ill. No doubt, the operator who passed this check will attempt passing others, and member banks are warned to be on the alert for him. His description has not been supplied.

ALBERT J. MARTENS (1653) has been quite active recently in the vicinity of Susquehanna, Pa., where it has been reported that no less than three checks, each of which were forgeries, were passed on and cashed by local merchants. Martens is described as being 42 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 165 pounds, a trifle stooped, dark hair, smooth shaven. A specimen of the operator's handwriting is shown herewith.

A. J. Martens
Clapper
a. martens 968345

S. MAYERS (1654) alias S. L. Mayes, representing himself as connected with a San Antonio newspaper, passed worthless checks on merchants in and about the city of San Antonio, Tex. The description of this operator is given as 25 years, small stature, light to medium complexion, wears dark shell rimmed glasses and when last

Stock Swindle

A MAN known as JAMES S. LOWERY (1652) has been operating a novel swindle scheme on stock brokers. Lowery issued orders over the counter to stock clerks that certain stocks be purchased and simply gave as security a verbal statement as to certain other stocks he is supposed to hold. Following the purchase of this stock it developed that Lowery, when called upon for margin, did not live at the address he gave. Consequently, the stock brokers in disposing of the stock suffered a loss.

seen was riding about in an old model Ford coupe.

C. W. MOORE (1655) opened an account at a Mann, W. Va., bank with a worthless check and immediately withdrew \$68. The check that was worthless was drawn on the Inez Deposit Bank, Inez, Ky. No description of the operator is available.

Using the name of HARRY MOORE (1656) an operator successfully defrauded a San Diego, Cal., Bank on a forged check which was cashed by a local merchant. The description of the operator, as supplied to us, is given as: Age, 35-40; height, 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 200 pounds; well built, medium complexion, hair believed to be light.

Harry Moore
3720 Alabama

ARTHUR M. NOLAN (1657) attempted to cash a worthless check at a San Francisco Cal., bank. He was unsuccessful. When questioned by local authorities and our agents, he claimed the check was given to him by a party named Frank Farrell. His explanation was unsatisfactory, and his arrest followed.

D. J. O'DONNELL (1658) disappeared after being paroled into the custody of his cousin. He was arrested following an attempt to pass off a bogus cashier's check on a Scranton, Pa., merchant. O'Donnell's description is not available, but a specimen of his handwriting appears below.

D. J. O'Donnell

Using the name of C. J. PEASLEY (1659) an operator attempted to defraud a member bank in Boston, Mass. He failed when the bank teller communicated with the apparent maker who assured the teller he never issued any such check. This opera-

tor's description is given as: 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 165 pounds, and considered very business-like.

A. J. PENCE, alias C. M. Sharp, (1660) passed a bogus pay-roll check on a local merchant in the city of St. Louis, Mo. The description furnished by the merchant is as follows: 50 to 55 years, 5 feet 9 inches, about 150 pounds, medium build, sallow complexion, dark hair, long face, pointed nose.

A. J. Pence
A. J. Pence
44th Ave

Forged Collateral

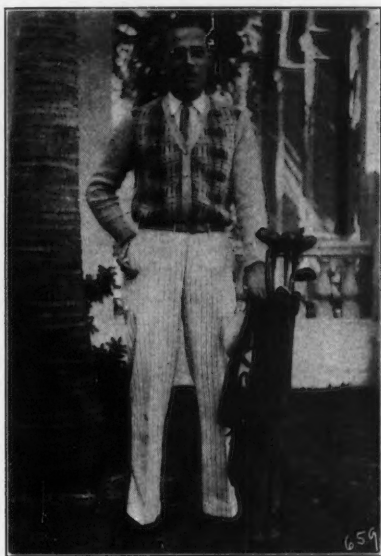
POSING as a farmer, J. A. PIERCE (1661) a smooth talking crook, victimized a Gracemont, Okla., bank by the following scheme: Pierce selects some reputable person in a town with whom he establishes an acquaintance sufficiently substantial to be introduced at the bank where such person maintains an account and to be presented in the light of an old and reliable friend. The object of the introduction is to make it possible for Pierce to secure a substantial loan. This operator appreciating the necessity of offering collateral, turns over to the bank "Real Estate and Mortgage" notes which later prove to be forgeries. Immediately following his securing of the money, Pierce disappears.

The operator is described as being 50 to 55 years, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, weighs 140 to 145 pounds, light complexioned, sandy beard, no mustache, partially bald forehead, slender build, slightly stooped and swings arms freely when walking; thin sunken face, sharp featured and it is believed he is snaggle-toothed.

A young man by the name of WILLIAM POWELL, (1662) was apprehended recently by our agents as he was attempting to cash a check on which he had forged the payee's endorsement. The circumstances assume a ludicrous aspect. The check was made payable to the order of "Receiver of Taxes, Richmond Borough." Powell, ridiculous as it may seem, endorsed the check "R. Boro" and after having the certification clerk certify the check attempted to cash it in the same bank. Powell was immediately returned to the Catholic Protectory, from where he had been released in January of this year.

The desire to own a radio set seems responsible for an operator in Boston forging a check which he used to purchase a radio set with. A bank lost, however, because the check was paid through the clearings. We are endeavoring to establish this operator's identity and cause his apprehension. He is described as follows: 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 170 to 175 pounds, medium build and fair complexioned.

Palm Beach "Sheik"



T. B. Richards

T. B. RICHARDS (1663) a "Sheik" type of criminal, recently has been reported operating in the vicinity of New York City after having been at Palm Beach. His specialty is worthless checks. He is described as being 21 years of age, 6 feet 1½ inches in height, weighs 174 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes, light brown hair. A photograph of Richards is reproduced herewith.

A San Francisco bank recently cashed a check which bore the forged "O. K." endorsement of one of their depositors. The operator who presented the check and secured the money on same used the name of EUGENE RICHARD, JR. (1664). He is described as being 40 years of age; height 5 feet 5 inches; weight 112 pounds; medium build; dark hair; blue eyes and dark complexion.

BERT SAMPSON, (1665) who uses numerous aliases, recently opened an account at a number of banks in the city of Los Angeles. On opening the account in one instance, it is reported, Sampson stated to the new account clerk that he had two checks out against the account already, and a day later two items actually came through. These items practically closed the account, but they were soon followed by another item in a short space of time, and no doubt had it not been for the alertness of the bank, this scheme which was evidently one of kiting between banks, would have resulted in a loss to quite a few of the banks. No description of Sampson is at present available.

JOSEPH SCHUPP (1666) alias H. Hudson Fields, forged the signature of a depositor of a Los Angeles, Calif., bank to a check. He then cashed the check at another bank where he had maintained an account for nearly three months. After obtaining the money he purchased American Express Company Travelers' Cheques of

\$50 denominations. The numbers on same are as follows: C-1835154 to C-1835158 inclusive.



Joseph Schupp

Schupp is described as follows: 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, 130 pounds, slender build, black hair, and considered a good talker. A specimen of his handwriting appears below and his photograph is shown at the top of this article.

Joseph Schupp

CHARLES E. SELDMAN (1667) has been forging checks of the Belmore Garment Company. These checks are usually made out to his own order and presented by him for cash at hotels or with merchants. His most recent activities have been in the vicinity of Columbia, S. C.

An unknown operator employing the alias of ARLIE VINSON (1670) defrauded a Portland, Ore., bank by means of forging the name of one of their depositors. The description of the suspect is given as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches, 100 pounds, dark hair; speaks broken English.

*Arlee Vinson
Twenty Mark*

A worthless check operator using the name of L. O. WILLIS (1672) defrauded a Dallas, Tex., bank on a check on which they paid out funds before collection on same was made. No description of the operator has been supplied to us.

Webber Operating

MARK C. WEBBER (1671) rented space in a building in Anderson, Ind., for the purpose as expressed by him, of opening a branch of the Moravia Clothing Company of Elgin, Ill. He tendered a certified check in an amount considerably in excess of the rental and received the difference in cash. He likewise gave the hotel he was stopping at a similar check and there also received change. The checks were drawn on the First National Bank of Elgin, Ill. These checks have been re-

turned to those cashing them, accompanied with the information "Party unknown and evidently a swindler."

Webber has operated from Maryland to as far West as Missouri. He is described as being 60 years of age, about 6 feet tall, strongly built, not stout, weighing 200 pounds; smooth face, grey hair. His appearance does not suggest him as being a crook.

Arrests

Forgers

COX, CHAS. E.—Arrested March 21, at Jacksonville, Fla. Held at county jail. Escaped and rearrested March 28 at Louisville.

CROSSWHITE, CHAS. A.—Arrested at Salt Lake City, Utah. Held at county jail.

DAVIS, R. J.—Arrested March 16, Memphis, Tenn. Held at county jail.

DISMUKE, W. B.—Arrested March 26, Atlanta. Held at city jail.

DRESSER, CLARENCE W.—Arrested March 26, at Los Angeles. Held at city jail.

EDWARDS, ARTHUR J.—Arrested March 18, at Boston. Held at city jail.

FINSEL, CARL—Arrested at Philadelphia. Held at county jail.

HALFORD, F. W.—Arrested Feb. 6, at Santa Monica, Calif. Held at county jail. Now serving one-year sentence at county jail.

HANNA, MRS. EMMA—Arrested April 7, at Seattle. Held in county jail.

HUMPHREYS, W. A.—Arrested March 27, at Sanford, Me. Held at county jail.

JENSEN, MRS. alias GLADYS LYONS—Arrested March 10, at Los Angeles. Held at city jail.

JUDSON, GEORGE—Rearrested at Hartford, Conn., on March 24. Held at county jail.

MEYER, HARVEY F.—Arrested at San Francisco, to be returned to Los Angeles, Calif. Held at city jail.

MILETON, JAMES—Rearrested at Dumright, Okla. Held at county jail.

MORRIS, ELLIS—Arrested at Burley, Idaho. Held at county jail.

PETERSON, GEORGE—Arrested March 7, at Chico, Calif. Held at county jail.

RAY, JOHN E.—Arrested February 6 at Santa Monica, Cal. Held at county jail.

ROBERTS, MRS. A. R.—Arrested March 17 at Veradale, Wash. Held at county jail.

SNOW, ANDREW—Arrested April 18 at Chicago. Held at county jail.

STEVENS, A. C.—Arrested March 28, at Winfield, Kan. Held at county jail.

THOMASSON, ANDREW, alias H. D. Porter—Arrested April 6, at Los Angeles, Cal. Held at city jail.

WALLACE, J. C.—Arrested April 14 at Kansas City, Mo. Held at county jail.

WILSON, DAVID R.—Arrested March 20, at Butte, Mont. Held at county jail.

Holdups

AUSTIN, HART—Arrested March 13 at New Orleans. Held at city jail.

BETHEL, BEN F.—Arrested March 24, at St. Louis, Mo. Held at county jail.

BONDI, JOE—Arrested March 11 at Kansas City, Mo. Held at city jail.

BURTON, FRED A., alias Swede Benson—Arrested January 15 at Los Angeles. Held at county jail.

CARROLL, JOHN—Arrested at St. Louis, Mo. Held at city jail.

CRAVENS, CLARENCE H.—Rearrested. DOMAN, BASIL—On March 20 was shot and killed while attempting holdup of a Steelville, Mo., bank.

DONNELLY, FELIX—Arrested March 14 at Mammoth Springs, Ark. Held at county jail.

FLOWERS, AMOS—Arrested at Denver, Col. Held at county jail.

FREY, ARTHUR B.—Arrested March 25 at Thayer, Mo. Held at county jail.

GODFREY, MARK—Arrested April 1 at Napu, Cal. Held at county jail.

HAGEN, JOHN—Arrested at Springfield, Ill. Held at county jail.

HALL, EDW. W.—Rearrested at Taylorville, Ill., on January 12 and returned to Southern Illinois Penitentiary. On March 19 was convicted and sentenced at Danville, Ill., to prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for 2 years.

HARDWICK, EVERET—Arrested at Kansas City, Kan. Escaped county jail March 22.

HARTNETT, JACK—Arrested January 15 at Los Angeles. Held at county jail.

JONES, OLIVER—Rearrested at Twin Falls, Mo. Held at county jail.

JULIAN, HERBERT—Arrested March 10 at Versailles, Mo. Held at county jail.

JULIAN, LAWRENCE—Arrested March 10 at Versailles, Mo. Held at county jail.

KOTOFSKY, SAM—Arrested at St. Louis, Mo. Held at city jail.

LANGER, CHET.—Rearrested in California and sentenced on January 19 to 6 to 15 years in the state prison.

LEE, LOUIS.—Arrested at Springfield, Ill. Held at county jail.

MCCLELLAN, DAVE—Arrested March 20 at Steelville, Mo. Held at county jail.

MCGOWEN, JOHN—Arrested April 7 at St. Louis, Mo. Held at county jail.

MATHEWS, KID, alias Wm. Mathews—Arrested March 26 at St. Louis, Mo. Held at county jail.

MAULE, JOSEPH V.—Arrested at Kansas City, Mo. Held at county jail.

MURRAY, EDWARD—Arrested at Mattoon, Ill. Held at county jail.

REITER, LESTER—Arrested March 20 at Steelville, Mo. Held at county jail.

ROBERTSON, JACK—Arrested at St. Louis, Mo. Held at city jail.

RUSSELL, HARRY—Arrested January 15 at Los Angeles. Held at county jail.

SCIORPLATE, CHAS.—Arrested January 15 at Los Angeles. Held at county jail.

SMITH, RUSSELL—Arrested April 1, at Napa, Idaho. Held at county jail.

STRAUSS, MARVIN—Arrested January 15 at Los Angeles. Held at county jail.

VOGT, THEO. HENRY—Arrested March 26 at St. Louis, Mo. Held at city jail.

WHALEN, GURB, alias Frank Whalen—Arrested April 11 at St. Louis, Mo. Held at county jail.

WALTERS, ALBERT, alias Bozo—Shot and killed March 20 at Steelville, Mo., while attempting to hold up a bank.

YOUNG, CECIL, alias Cecil Long—Ar-

rested March 20 at Springfield, Mo. Held at county jail.

Burglars

HAGGARD, GEO.—Arrested at Carlyle, Ill. Held at county jail.

PARISH, HERMAN—Arrested March 31 at Decatur, Ill. Held at county jail.

Sneak Thieves

GEORGE, MARY—Arrested March 29 at Memphis, Tenn. Held at county jail.

MITCHELL, MARY—Arrested March 29 at Memphis. Held at county jail.

MITCHELL, MIKE—Arrested March 29 at Memphis. Held at county jail.

Dispositions

Forgers

BECKONI, FRED H.—No prosecution.

BIAS, MILTON—March 23, to San Quentin for 1 to 14 years.

CARSON, W. S.—Nov. 11, 1924, to Folsom, for 1 to 14 years.

DARBE, ALFRED S.—March 17, 2 years in St. Louis county jail.

DE YOUNG, W. T.—February 3, to San Quentin for 1 to 14 years.

HALFORD, F. W.—Now serving one year in Santa Monica, Cal., county jail.

EGER, G.—Sentenced at Pittsburgh, Pa., to 1 to 2 years in the work house.

HILL, LOTTIE—No prosecution.

HOLT, SAM—2 to 3 years hard labor on the chain gang, Fulton County.

HOLTZAPPLE, J. W.—October 11, 1924, to 1 to 14 years at San Quentin.

HOWELL, CECIL—In September, 1924, to 3 years in St. Anthony's Reform School (Idaho).

IWAKIRI, K.—Deported.

JAMES, CARL—Six months in Jackson County (Mo.) jail.

JASMIN, GUY—Settled.

JONES, G. LESTER—Six months in Jackson County (Mo.) jail.

LEE, W. H.—Released on probation about December 30, 1924.

METZER, ROY—On April 3, to 5 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

PETERSON, GEORGE—1 to 14 years at San Quentin.

RAY, JOHN E.—Now serving 1 year in Santa Monica, Cal., county jail.

WHITMILL, ARTHUR—In September, 1924, sentenced to 3 years in St. Anthony's Reform School, Idaho.

Burglars

COFFRON, BILLY—One year hard labor in Regina Provincial Gaol.

DUNNING, ELMER—Committed suicide.

EPSTEIN, JACOB—Restitution and suspended sentence.

KELLY, J. C.—5 years, North Dakota State Penitentiary.

KINZE, R. H.—25 years, Iowa State Penitentiary.

MILES, JOSEPH—10 to 21 years in State Prison at Lansing, Kan.

MORRISON, FRANK—15 years, Federal Penitentiary.

RYAN, JOHN—7½ years, Sioux Falls Penitentiary.

Hold-up Robbers

ARGANBRIGHT, TRUE—25 years in Missouri State Penitentiary.

BAKER, JACK—Acquitted.

BERBIGLIA, JOSEPH—Ten years in Missouri State Prison.

BONGIVINO, JAS.—Released.

BRANDON, ROY—Released.

CALDERELLO, TONY—10 to 50 years, Kansas State Penitentiary.

CARSON, JAS.—Returned to Minnesota State Penitentiary.

DOMAN, BASIL—Shot and killed March 20 at Steelville, Mo., while attempting holdup of a bank.

DOUGLAS, DORA—Dismissed.

EDWARDS, OWEN—Acquitted.

HALL, EDWARD W.—On March 19 to 2 years at Fort Leavenworth.

HARRIS, JAMES—10 years, Missouri State Penitentiary.

HAVERMALLE, JAS. E.—5 years to life at San Quentin.

JONES, OLIVER—10 to 20 years in the Idaho State Penitentiary.

KEYS, JOHN—5 years suspended sentence.

LANGER, CHET.—6 to 15 years in the Idaho State Penitentiary.

LAYTON, HAROLD—Life imprisonment (Iowa).

MCCOY, ROBERT—Life imprisonment in Utah State Prison.

MAULE, JOSEPH V.—10 to 21 years at State Penitentiary in Lansing, Kan.

MARSH, JACK—25 years, Iowa State Penitentiary.

MURFF, JR., L. A.—5 to 10 years in the Huntsville (Tex.) Penitentiary.

OLIVER, ALFRED—35 years in the Anamosa (Iowa) Reformatory.

WILSON, RHONDO C.—Indefinite term in San Quentin.

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported Since Aug. 31, 1924	Arrests Reported April, 1924	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitive, Escaped, Insane or Died	Awaiting Trial
Forgers, etc....	207	244	23	267	162	79	10	223
Burglars.....	62	49	2	51	34	8	5	66
Holdup robbers.	83	213	36	249	88	31	8	205
Sneak thieves..	3	3	3
Total.....	352	506	64	570	284	118	23	497

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The Invisible Operator Renews His Check Frauds

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TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.
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The Invisible Operator Is Active

AFTER a short absence, LEONARD KSYCKI (1672), alias R. W. Barth, the "invisible operator," has again resumed operations against banks.

The success of Barth is due to the bank's failure to heed our numerous warnings covering his method of attack, for his method has been repeatedly described.

This operator has a habit of filling in the payee line, which is peculiar to all his worthless checks. Instruct your tellers to examine the cut accompanying this article and to watch for checks bearing similar "certification" stamps. The check attached to the note will be presented by a messenger, usually a boy. The note purports to be from your customer asking that the check be cashed and money turned over to the boy.

The check will be on an out-of-town bank, stamped certified and payable to your customer. The note will be written on your customer's letterhead. Do not detain the boy! Give the impression of complying with his request, as he will join the operator on the outside of the bank.

The reason this is necessary is that Ksycki has a confederate in the banking room, ready to signal him in some manner if there is the slightest hitch or delay. The confederate is not known to the messenger, but is either closely behind him in the line at the teller's window or can

observe what happens. If there is any danger, the confederate signals Ksycki, who disappears from the appointed place. This accounts for the difficulty in arresting the operator. If the plans fail, he disappears.

The manner in which Ksycki obtains the letter head and the indorsement is believed to be by representing himself as an employee of a credit agency and getting the officer, who signs checks for the manufacturing company, to sign the request for information. He is reported to be well supplied with these blanks. It seems to be his practice to

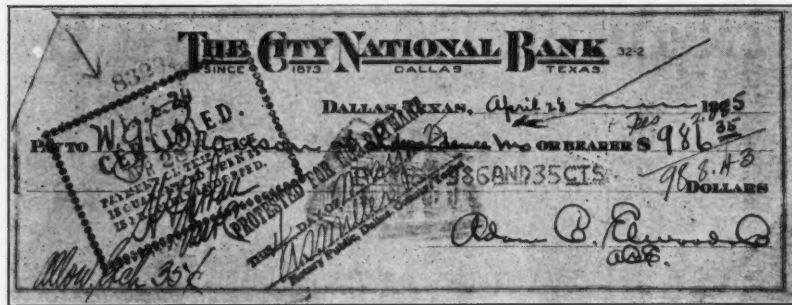
make specific inquiries about an out-of-town firm that is a customer.

It is useless to describe the boy who unwittingly assists the crook, for he is a local resident and an innocent tool.

Warnings concerning the activities of Ksycki appeared in the December, 1924,

and January, 1925, issues of the Journal Supplement, and told of how Ksycki was employing the same scheme to defraud banks. In all of his operations there was the same peculiarity about the payee line. The certification thus far has appeared on the same position on the check, it will be noted.

By heeding the warning and watching for Barth's next appearance a bank may be able to save a substantial loss—for Barth deals in hundreds of dollars—and catch a crook, who has preyed on banks in many parts of the country.



One of Ksycki's forgeries. Note the payee line and the position of the certification stamp

Italian Swindler Buys Another Lot of Lire

BY employing simple business tactics with a dash of sharp practice, an Italian using the name of C. CATANOSO (1673) and various aliases has been very successful in defrauding banks and steamship companies dealing in foreign exchange.

This Italian opens an account with a local bank, giving his business as steamship ticket agent. He then calls on several nearby banks making small purchases of lire, paying for same with certified checks. These transactions are merely for the purpose of establishing himself as a customer of the several banks.

After gaining the confidence of local bankers, his coup is planned as follows: The victim receives a telephone message asking

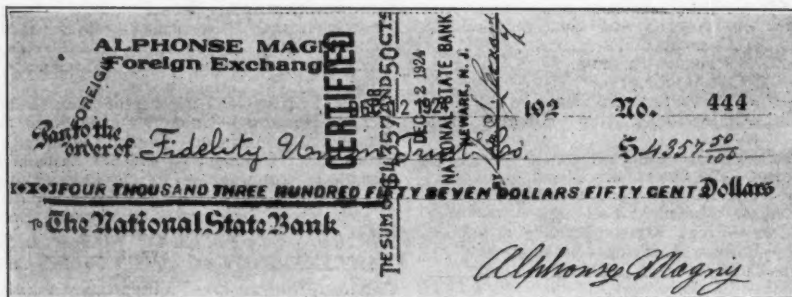
that a large sum of lire be purchased for his account and delivered immediately to his office attendant, who will turn over to the messenger a certified check in payment.

throughout as the account upon which it is drawn has been closed out.

Our members who might have occasion to handle transactions such as the operator deals

in will do well to examine and bear in mind the characteristics that appear on his checks. A copy of one is being reproduced herewith.

This operator always uses an Italian name. Some of his aliases are: — P. Durante, alias Lorenzo Lombardi, alias Francisco Lolli, alias Alphonso Magny, alias Alfredo Gianfilippi. He is 35 years of age, 5



A check Magny gave a New Jersey bank to obtain lire

Having had previous dealings with this customer, the dealer suspecting nothing irregular carries out the instructions, only to learn that the certified check is bogus

feet 7 inches tall, weighs 160 to 165 pounds, stocky build, black hair pompadour style, partly bald on top, dark brown eyes, full round face and very white prominent teeth.

The Tide Is Turning on the Crooks

IN the past month our agents, cooperating with the local authorities of Chicago and New York, have closed three cases that, due to the nature of the operations and the type of criminal involved, have stood out from all the others reported to this department.

During the month of April H. J. FERNEKES, wanted for murder of two employees of the First National Bank, Pearl River, N. Y., and the leader of a band of Chicago bank bandits responsible for a dozen Chicago bank holdups, was apprehended by the Chicago police and the Chicago representatives of our detective agents, bringing to a close a three year "man hunt."

Fernekes is now held on a murder charge at Chicago.

For several months our agents have been contending with a band of forgers, who were successful in defrauding several New York banks.

Headed by THOMAS J. MCCARTHY, this band stole from a printing concern numerous genuine cashier's checks of out-of-town banks drawn on New York banking institutions. They then purchased small drafts from these banks to obtain specimen

signatures of the signing officer. Their next step was to fill in the stolen New York draft, forging the signing officer's signature. In this manner they were successful in obtaining several thousand dollars.

McCarthy, H. B. CRUMP, and W. D. McCracken were arrested by the police on a local charge. Hearing of the arrest, our agents believed that the men were

was convicted and sentenced to a term of 4 to 8 years in state's prison. McCracken lost hope and entered a plea of guilty, whereupon he was immediately given an indeterminate sentence to the Penitentiary.

By this time McCarthy felt himself slipping as his last two tools had been convicted and sentenced. He disappeared and forfeited \$15,000 bail. Several days ago his bondsmen surrendered him to the local authorities; and he is now held under \$40,000 bail.

Another important arrest brought in C. J. DRYDEN, featured in our last issue as one of a well organized band of forgers working in New York City. Dryden and his companions preyed on bank accounts of well known gamblers. In one instance they forged the signature to checks of the owner of a racing form sheet. These checks were deposited in local banks in accounts carried in fictitious names and paid by the depository bank when received through the clearings.

Our agents succeeded in having Dryden identified as one of the operators. He was arrested and is held in \$25,000 bond.



C. J. Dryden

Thomas J. McCarthy

H. J. Fernekes

wanted for this department. While arrested under aliases, our agents readily recognized the prisoners as the individuals named above. Steps for identification purposes proved successful but the strongest cooperation of the police and the District Attorney's office was necessary to offset the usual attempts to defeat justice. Much to the surprise of the defendants, Crump

stance they forged the signature to checks of the owner of a racing form sheet. These checks were deposited in local banks in accounts carried in fictitious names and paid by the depository bank when received through the clearings.

Aronowitz Is a Fake Factory Promoter

AARON ARONOWITZ (1426), alias Harold Lloyd, is again active after a few weeks' rest. He has in his possession bogus cashiers' checks drawn on different banks, to which he forges the cashiers' names.

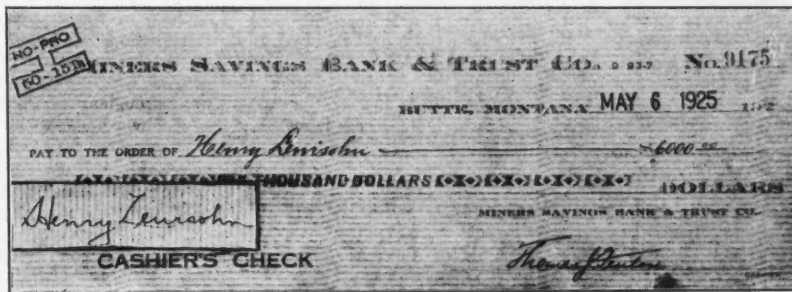
Aronowitz, who uses numerous aliases, makes his appearance in a city and generally represents himself to be the son of a wealthy or well-known man. He claims to represent a hardware or other manufacturing company, endeavoring to purchase property to establish a branch factory. He interests a reputable realtor in his proposition and is liberally entertained during negotiations. An introduction to a local bank is then requested,

which is the point at which members should be extremely alert.

After the introduction the operator opens

or more and requests cash. If he is successful in securing an advance, it will likely be due to the anxiety of the vendor of the property to close the deal.

Proper business methods require complete credit investigation and the refusal to advance cash on uncollected funds. These rules apply to all types of business. Why not enforce it with prospective factory site purchasers? A wire to the bank on which the check is drawn will determine its invalidity and may result in his arrest.



A check used by Aronowitz to make an initial deposit, with a specimen of his handwriting in the insert

an account, making an initial deposit with a bogus cashier's check for a fairly large sum drawn on a distant bank. At the same time he presents a similar check for \$1,000

His description is: 21 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 135 pounds, is of slight build, has medium dark complexion, blue eyes and dark chestnut hair.

Williamson Is Arrested

WB. WILLIAMSON (1600), whose operations were described in the April JOURNAL, is thought to be the F. W. Wilson now under arrest at Greensboro, N. C. Wilson's method of operation is to

engage a local attorney to take care of some litigation, drawing drafts on the Louisiana State Railway Commission and other Louisiana State commissions, which are given as advance payments on the attorney's fee. While he made no effort to draw on the un-

collected drafts, it is understood he succeeded in getting attorneys to indorse individual checks which were worthless. Williamson operated in Cleveland, Detroit, Keyser, W. Va., and High Point, N. C. He comes up for trial on June 15 at Greensboro.

Certified Checks Often Forged

EDWARD ALBRIGHT (1674) is issuing bogus certified checks drawn on the Chatham & Phenix National Bank & Trust Company, main office, of New York City. These checks are being circulated with merchants. So far no attempt has been made to defraud any institution.

Inasmuch as certified checks are at the present time being employed by criminals to defraud banks and merchants, it is suggested that our members, whenever possible, insert in the literature to their customers a warning to use caution in advancing funds on a check, simply because it bears a certification. At one time, a certification stamp on a check was evidence of genuineness of the instrument in question, but now a certification stamp when appearing on a check of a very small amount, and presented to a merchant in payment of a small bill of merchandise, usually means that the entire transaction is fraudulent.

A warning of this kind to the banks' customers will no doubt affect the situation, and cause the gentry using this type of swindle to switch to some other type, as they will very soon find that bogus certified checks are not a paying proposition.

WARNING

GEORGE W. ANDERSON (1675) was able to secure funds through cashing a check bearing the forged signature of a San Francisco, Cal., bank depositor. The interested bank sustained a loss due to the fact that the check in question was received through the clearings and honored by them. Had this check been presented direct to them, no doubt the loss would have been offset. The operator is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 pounds, medium build, light brown hair, blue eyes, light complexion; gray suit, brown overcoat, tan cap; wears small rim glasses.

Geo W Anderson

Edmund L. Gilchrist

ED BACON (1675) placed his liberty in jeopardy when he secured funds from a Pasadena, Cal., bank on a check bearing the forged indorsement of one of their customers. Bacon is described as being 19 to 20 years of age, 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, light complexion, and a plasterer by profession.

Ed Bacon.

Thirty Six

E. A. BAIN (1677), alias J. M. Carroll, alias J. P. Cox, claiming to be a representative of the Willard Storage Battery Company, is operating in Indiana with checks drawn on the Guardian Savings and Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio. These checks are being returned as the firm does not carry an account with the Cleveland institution. The operator is 35 years of age, weighs 140 pounds, 5 feet 7 inches tall, light complexion, has blue or gray eyes, thin hair, almost bald, gray about the temples.

E. H. BARNES (1678) now hiding somewhere in the State of New Mexico, was successful in securing funds on check bearing the forged signature of his brother. Barnes is described as 32 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches to 11 inches tall; medium build; blonde hair; blue eyes; fair complexion.

Chas J Weinheimer
Thos Barnes

DAVID BARNETT (1679) alias William H. Teller, alias C. A. Coleman, using checks drawn on the Merchants National Bank of Los Angeles, Cal., and the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company of San Francisco, Cal., opened an account with a bank in San Francisco, Cal. Using the old game of "Put and Take" he was successful in securing advances against these checks before the San Francisco bank received returns on them. Barnett is at present traveling about the state of California opening accounts in other banks, and using the same tactics. His operations are dangerous but no loss should be sustained if all references are thoroughly checked, consequently we suggest that this precaution be employed with all new accounts. The description of Barnett is as follows: 28 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 155 pounds, medium build, black hair, dark blue eyes, dark complexion, smooth shaven.

George Bernard

David Barnett

MRS. MARY L. BATCHELDER (1680) has been on an extensive tour of the Eastern cities, and no doubt has enjoyed herself immensely due to the fact that her tour has been financed solely with bogus checks drawn on the American National Bank of Oklahoma City. Her many victims include hotels and merchants. She claims to be employed by the White Rock Beverage Company of Newark, N. J., and also by The League of New York City. However, inquiries at these points fail to bring forth the desired information as to her whereabouts or identity, she not being recognized as being employed by them.

The quicker EDWIN CLEVELAND (1681) is apprehended and a stop put to his

worthless check transactions the better it is going to be for Cleveland and his many relatives and their friends. We have just been advised by a brokerage firm of New York City that Cleveland, a young boy of 16 or 17 years of age, has disappeared from his home, and is now going about the country securing funds with checks drawn on a Lebanon, Tenn., bank. His checks are usually in the amount of \$75, and due to a very plausible story he generally receives at least an advance against the check in question. Our members are cautioned to be on the alert for this boy in the hopes of aiding in causing his apprehension.

MADELINE C. DAVIS, alias Mabelle E. Sommerville (1682), now out on parole, has renewed her fraudulent transactions and has issued checks drawn on the American National Bank of Mount Vernon. Due to the fact that she has been known in various neighborhoods as a domestic servant she so far has experienced very little difficulty in having her checks honored by various merchandise houses, they knowing her as having transacted business for good customers of theirs. This woman is described as 35 years of age; 5 feet 2 inches or 3 inches; 175 pounds; stout; medium complexion and dark hair.

Madeline Davis

Mabelle E Sommerville

The name of R. E. DE PALMA (1683) is being used by a swindler who is defrauding gasoline filling stations, jewelry stores and hotels with checks purporting to be issued by the R. E. DePalma Motors and Company. The checks are drawn on the Bank of Rome, New York, N. Y. The entire check is a counterfeit and, furthermore, the Bank of Rome is a non-existent institution. The operator at the present time is working in the South. Our member banks will do well to watch their clearings so as to enable their customers to cause the apprehension of this operator, should they see one of these checks going through their work for collection.

R E De Palma

During the year 1922 LEW DUFOUR (1684) a traveling circus man, wintered at Greenville, S. C., and while there carried an account with a local bank. Shortly before leaving Greenville he was able to secure a small loan from the interested bank after pledging considerable of his property. After he left the vicinity and when the bank endeavored to realize on their collateral, he having failed to take care of his obligation, the bank discovered that the operator had substituted worthless property and had disappeared. This matter was recently reported to this department, and we have not received a description of the operator.

Several worthless checks have been returned by the Depositors Savings and Trust Company and the Central Savings and Trust Company of Akron, Ohio. These banks have recognized the writing on the checks as that of a former depositor named PERCY DUNN (1685). The operator has used the aliases of Robert E. Waller, alias Lewis A. Stewart, alias Louis A. Cook, alias James E. Stewart, and is described as 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 145 pounds, has black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion.

FRANK EDWARDS (1686), alias Albert Squires, is following the footsteps of other worthless check operators and has been slightly successful in opening accounts with banks and securing small advances before the items deposited had been collected. No doubt this operator will use checks drawn on the Bayside National Bank, Bay-side, N. Y.

C. M. FAULKNER (1687) being hard pressed for funds took advantage of his acquaintance with a customer of a Tulsa, Okla., bank, and was successful in securing funds on a check bearing this individual's forged signature. Faulkner is described as 35 to 40 years of age; 170 pounds; 6 feet tall; dark eyes and hair, very heavy beard.

E. FOLEY (1688) recently opened an account in the name of the Valley Construction Company with the Farmers and Citizens Bank, Lancaster, Ohio. After closing out the account Foley not desiring to waste his extra blank checks has been using them with some profit, merchants being his victims.

HARRY GOLDON (1689) was successful in securing funds on a check intended for another individual, he having stolen same from the proper payee's mail box. As the operator is now in the vicinity of Boston, Mass., we would suggest that members use due precaution before honoring any checks drawn on out of town banks. Unfortunately, the individual victimized in this particular transaction is unable to give a description of the operator.

Worthless checks drawn on the Ohio State Bank and Trust Company, Akron, Ohio, are being circulated in the Middle West by an operator using the name of CECIL GRANT (1690) alias A. Leslie, alias C. Anderson, alias N. Burke, etc. In all operations the payee is a woman.

JOHN B. HAYES (1691) is defrauding hotels in New York City and vicinity with checks drawn on the First National Bank of Falconer, N. Y. Some of the checks that Hayes uses are drawn on the First National Bank of Montpelier, Vt., and bear the forged signature of the Greenmountain Dairy. These checks are all worthless, therefore our members should keep this operator in mind. Hayes is described as 55 to

60 years of age, 185 to 190 pounds, broad shouldered, sandy mustache, gray shows in whiskers; wears glasses, one glass being frosted; has some warts on back of head.

A colored woman, using the name of LILIAN HUDSON (1692) secured funds on a check drawn on a St. Louis, Mo., bank. Her method of approach was to purchase goods from a furnishing store, and when the check was received through the clearings, the bank honored same. The operator is described as 24 years of age; 5 feet 6 inches; 135 pounds; light brown skin; black straight hair.

F. C. HUNTER (1693). Using his acquaintance with residents of Springdale, Pa., Hunter made a successful attack upon a local bank. Fortunately the bank discovered the swindle before Hunter had a chance to complete his deal. Posing as general manager of Wesselhoft and Hunter, electrical engineers of Bogota and Baranquilla, Colombia, S. A., Hunter presented to the bank a forged certified check drawn on the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and was favored with a small advance against the uncollected item. The check had every appearance of being issued by the Haworth Marble Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANKLIN JOHNSON (colored) (1694). A negro using the name of Franklin Johnson opened an account with a St. Augustine, Fla., member bank using a check drawn on the Melbourne State Bank, Melbourne, Fla., ostensibly signed by one of their customers. This check was subsequently returned as a forgery, but in the meantime the negro disappeared. It is reported that he left several victims behind him in the state of Florida, he having operated in a similar manner against other institutions. He is described as follows: 150 pounds in weight, medium height, very black complexion; has a small scar on left cheek.

Franklin Johnson.

79 Washington St.

At the present time an individual using the name of J. KAUFMAN (1695) is

J. Kaufman
Putney St.

issuing checks drawn on the American Trust Company, St. Louis, Mo., bearing the forged signature of S. Silverstein Clothing Company. These checks have been returned by the interested bank when received through the clearings. The operator is described as 25 years of age, 5 feet 1 or 2 inches tall, medium build, brown curly hair which he pastes down on the sides, brown eyes, clear complexion, Jewish and a very stylish dresser.

Checks drawn on the First National Bank of Chicago, Ill., are being issued by G. M. CARLTON, alias J. L. Kennedy (1696). The operator claims when calling upon his contemplated victims that he is the district manager of the Economy Clothing Company of Chicago. His checks have been returned protested, as no account is carried in this name by the supposed depository bank. A specimen of the operator's handwriting is attached hereto.

G. M. Carlton.
J. L. Kennedy.

Using a furniture merchant as an indirect way of attempting to defraud a savings bank of New York City, A. B. KLEINBERG (1697) made a purchase of furniture and requested that same be sent to a certain address. In payment for this purchase he presented a draft drawn on the interested bank, which of course was returned as worthless, but the operator was successful in securing funds representing the balance between the amount of the purchase and the full amount of the draft. Upon attempting to deliver the furniture at the address supplied, the merchant discovered that the purchaser was unknown. No description has been supplied.

(Kneeland is 1698).

A man using the name of F. W. KNEELAND (1698) has been reported to us as issuing worthless paper to merchants and others in and about the vicinity of Jamestown, N. Y. No description of this operator is available at this time.

F. W. Kneeland.

S. P. LANGFORD (1699). Our attention has been called by the Oklahoma Bankers Association to the operations of Langford, who has issued bogus checks drawn on the Union Stock Yards National Bank, Wichita, Kan. Langford is posing as an oil man, and has been successful in defrauding numerous merchants. No description was supplied at the time of reporting this man's fraudulent transactions.

ELSIE LARSEN (1700). An individual using the name of Elsie Larsen, operat-

John B. Hayes

ing through San Francisco, Cal., merchants, has been able to obtain funds on a check bearing the forged signature of a customer of a bank located in that city. This woman operator is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 130 pounds, rather slender build, blue eyes, medium complexion. While cashing these checks the operator claimed that she worked in a local office and was on her vacation.

Edna Larsen

Nels W Larsen

PHIL LEWIS (1701) operated successfully at Huntington Park, Cal., with a forged check calling for a small sum. When this operator tried to repeat, he met with a different reception. It happened that at the time he presented the check, an employee of the man whose signature he had forged was in the bank. Upon being shown the check the employee was convinced that her employer had not issued same; whereupon it was suggested that the man accompany her to her office and verify his story that he had received the check from the bank's customer. Through the "gift of the gab" this operator was able to talk himself out of trouble, as he contended, after seeing the the girl's employer, that he was not the man who had given him the check, with the result that he was permitted to go. Later it was discovered that the bank in question had cashed another check for the same operator previous to his being caught in his last attempt. The operator is described as 18-19 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches tall, 140 pounds, red curly hair, freckled face.

Phil Lewis

Thos McAnley

E. C. McANLEY (1702) has been operating in the mid-western states with cashier's check on the Tilden National Bank, Tilden, Neb. The checks are generally made payable to E. C. McAnley and range in amounts from \$125 to \$250. The checks are being returned as they bear the forged signature of the bank's official. The operator is described as 32 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, has light hair, blue eyes and fair complexion, large front teeth slightly separated, continually biting finger nails.

EC McAnley

Ed Smith

WM. E. McDONALD (1703), alias Wm. A. Corbin, has in some manner secured possession of a batch of genuine checks bearing the imprint of the Freemason St. Men's Bible Class, Freemason St. Baptist Church. These checks are drawn on The National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, Va., and the stolen ones are numbered 124 to 213, inclusive, and 340 to 375, inclusive. Some of these checks have been issued by the operator payable to Wm. A. Corbin, signed E. J. Robertson, treasurer, and Mrs. Guy K. Herr, secretary. Watch for these checks in your customers' deposits.

S. MUNSON (1704), using a check drawn on the Parkwest Trust Company of Philadelphia, Pa., opened an account with a New Haven, Conn., member bank, but did not attempt to secure funds on the deposit. Later on checks were received by the New Haven bank through the clearings from various merchants where the operator had made purchases. The Philadelphia check was eventually returned marked "No Account." Munson is described as being 30 to 32 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 135 to 145 pounds, light complexion, light hair, was wearing a light suit and is a clever talker.

J. A. PEARCE (1705). Of late many banks in the mid and southwestern states have sustained losses through individuals depositing collateral turned into the bank for loans advanced to them. Inasmuch as this seems to be a growing practice, it is suggested that our member banks use more care in checking up and protecting their institutions before loans are made. Pearce, being properly introduced at a bank at Grace-mount, Okla., secured a small loan and disappeared. He did the same thing a short time later with a bank at Okmulgee and is now a fugitive from justice. He is described as 50 to 55 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, 140 to 145 pounds, light complexion, sandy beard, partially bald, slender build, slightly stooped, swings arms freely when walking, thin, sunken face, sharp features and snaggle-toothed.

James A. Pearce

JIM RANEY (1706) caused a member bank at Longview, Tex., to sustain a small loss through honoring a check bearing the forged indorsement of the payee. The operator is described as 25 to 27 years of age, about 5 feet 8 or 9 inches tall, weighs about 140 pounds, all fingers on right hand missing, is an automobile mechanic.

A very clever swindler operated recently in Detroit, Mich., with a bogus check drawn on the Citizens and Southern Bank, Savannah, Ga. The operator, using the name of A. P. REID (1707), called upon an official of a bank located in Detroit, claiming that he knew the president of the institution. It was apparent from the approach of this swindler that he was well versed in the bank president's movements and acquainted with several of his personal friends. This is

based on the fact that he informed the official with whom he was dealing that he had met the president and his friend in a southern city, thereby throwing this official off his guard. A letter has since been received from the Georgia bank that Reid is well known to them, was recently convicted for a similar transaction and is now a fugitive from justice. Reid is described as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 160 pounds, fair complexion, dark hair, blue eyes.

A. P. Reid

Seventy-fives

GEORGE E. REYNOLDS (1708), alias George E. Robinson, alias Grace E. Rowland, alias J. J. Lobban, alias George H. Callahan, is traveling about the state of New Jersey issuing bogus checks drawn on the City National Bank, Plainfield, N. J. From the numerous jumps and complaints received, it is apparent that the operator is faring very well. His checks average between \$50 and \$100. In practically all instances merchants have been his victims.

M. Callahan

EUGENE RICHARD (1709) operated with a check drawn on the State Bank of Omaha, Omaha, Neb., and was successful in securing funds on same. His success was due to the clever forging of the "O. K." signature of a well-known customer of a St. Louis bank. The check was returned by the Omaha bank as being a complete forgery. The best description obtainable of the operator is: 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 140 pounds, medium build.

John F. Pool

LeB. Pool, Sen.

M. A. RILEY (1710) is opening accounts with checks drawn on the Clarksburg Trust Company, Clarksburg, W. Va. His method of procedure is to call at a bank and dis-

M. A. Riley

play a bank book showing an apparent balance of \$890 in a checking account and \$1,350 in his savings account, then ask to have the account transferred. If successful, he attempts to secure an advance against the uncollected item. Riley is described as 65 years of age, slight build.

FREDERICK M. ROSS (1711), while visiting San Francisco, attempted to secure funds on a check drawn on a bank in Los Angeles. This check bore the forged indorsement of one of the bank's depositors. When it was received through the clearings for payment, the drawee bank immediately discovered the forgery and returned same, thereby saving the San Francisco bank from a loss. The operator is described as 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, 155 pounds, dark complexion.

FRANK SAUNDERS (1712) was successful in securing funds on a check bearing the forged signature of a St. Louis, Mo., bank's customer. Saunders, a painter by occupation, was employed by the bank's customer and received payment of wages by checks. Seizing this opportunity, he used the signature on one of the checks as a specimen and negotiated a forgery through a local merchant. Saunders is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches tall, 160 pounds, thin and tall, dark complexion, speaks with a southern accent.

F Saunders

Robert E Simon

WILLIAM SHINDLEDECKER (1713), claiming to be a detective, was successful in securing funds from a bank at Slippery Rock, Pa., the check in question being drawn on the First National Bank of Millsboro, Pa. Shindledecker is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighs about 155 pounds, medium dark hair.

An attempt was made by JOHN SHERKY (1714) to secure funds from a New York bank with a check bearing the purported signature of one of their customers. Due to the alertness of a bank official Sherky was unsuccessful, but succeeded in escaping from the bank before his arrest was accomplished. Sherky is described as 21 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, Jewish appearance.

A party using the name of DAN SIEGEL (1715) opened a savings account with a bank in Cleveland, Ohio, by depositing a check drawn on the Fourth Street National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. The check was sent through for collection and paid. Having gained the confidence of this institution,

Siegel then deposited a voucher on the Treasurer of the State of Ohio, which was subsequently returned bearing a forged indorsement. It is apparent that the check in question was stolen from the mails. Our agents at the present time are engaged in endeavoring to locate Siegel, and following is his description: 26 years of age, 160 pounds, 5 feet 7 to 10 inches tall, dark complexion, Jewish nose—thick and wide.

Watch For Soble!

WE are advised that on April 20 the Farmers and Traders Bank, St. Joseph, Mo., issued to a man giving his name as J. W. SOBLE (1716) a certificate of deposit, No. 1453, bearing that date and payable six months after date. The certificate is in the amount of \$407.53 and bears interest at 4 per cent. It was obtained by Soble through the negotiation of a forged check drawn on a North St. Joseph bank.

Should an attempt be made to negotiate the certificate of deposit, we would request that immediate notice be given to the nearest office of our agents. Soble is described as being between 25 and 30 years of age, about 5 feet 9 or 10 inches tall, slender build, has blue or blue-gray eyes and light complexion.

An operator known as HARRY SPIVACK (1717) has been the source of annoyance to merchants and individuals in New York City through his having been handing out a large number of worthless checks. Spivack is described as follows: 31 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches, 150 pounds, round build, dark complexion, dark hair, light brown eyes and a neat dresser.

JOHN SMITH (1718), representing himself as an electrician entering the field for work with a nearby coal company, opened savings and checkings accounts in a Christiansburg, Va., bank. After having opened the account Smith contended that his suit case, containing clothes, etc., had been lost or stolen while en route, and asked for a small cash accommodation. This ruse, however, did not result in any loss to the bank, as they declined to advance funds against the uncollected items used in opening the account, which were returned as worthless. Smith now has in his possession the check books of the First National Bank, Christiansburg, Va., and the Bank of Davy, Davy, W. Va., which no doubt he will use to defraud merchants. Smith is described as 40 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 135 pounds, red hair, ruddy complexion, poses as an electrician, wears a horseshoe stick pin with white and red sets.

C. E. SMYTH (1719) has devised a novel scheme to secure money. Posing as a real estate broker specializing in summer homes and farms, he represents to his prospective victims that he has a wealthy client interested in a particular place who will pay a high price for it. However, Smyth requests as evidence of good faith that the prospective seller advance to him

varying sums of \$15 to \$25 before he will bring the supposed buyer out to view the property. The buyer, it is alleged, never appears. So far Smyth's activities have only been reported from the state of Delaware. He is described as 45 years of age, fairly stout, light complexion, well dressed. Claims to own automobile, but likes to walk for exercise, therefore does not use his car.

C. E. Smyth

ROY F. SNYDER, alias L. F. Taylor (1720), recently affected his escape from the Fulton County Jail, Wauseon, Ohio, and is supposed to be using a stolen Ford automobile, touring type, winter top, 1923 model, engine No. 3654479, Ohio license No. 925-214. Snyder was wanted for forgery committed in 1920, he having defrauded victims in and about Lyons, Ohio. The fugitive is described as 27 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches tall, 140 pounds, light hair, blue eyes, high cheek bones, wore dark clothes, is a mechanic by trade.

SAMUEL PERCY STRATTON (1721) recently attempted to defraud a New York member bank when he opened an account with them, presenting for deposit a worthless check. We have been advised that Stratton is an old offender. Member banks are accordingly warned to be on the alert for this operator.

FRED TAYLOR (colored) (1722). Through the use of forged withdrawal slips bearing the alleged signature of his wife, Taylor was able to withdraw a small amount from her savings, which was carried in a bank at Somerset, Ky. Taylor deserted his wife, and when last heard from was in Florida.

D. L. THOMPSON (1723) is using checks drawn on the Second National Bank, Youngstown, Ohio. In some cases his checks have been made payable to George Kramer, one of his aliases. The checks are filled in with a Todd Protectograph machine and are typewritten with the exception of the date. This is inserted with a dating stamp and purple ink. The checks have every appearance of being issued by D. L. Thompson and Co., excavating contractors, 101 East Front, Youngstown, Ohio, as the firm's name appears to the left of the signature line.

MRS. P. H. THOMPSON (1724). Information has been given to our detective agents concerning the operations of a woman

Mrs P H Thompson

H J Thompson

using the above listed name, who is defrauding merchants in and about Richmond, Va. To aid in perpetrating her crime, she is issuing worthless checks drawn on the Bank of Commerce and Trusts, Manchester branch, Richmond, Va. These checks are being returned as worthless.

DR. JOHN J. WARD (1725), alias L. M. Packard, alias T. C. Hanrahan. An individual using checks drawn on the Windsor branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce is working in Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity defrauding merchants. All the checks of this operator are certified and bear what purports to be the signature of the cashier. This alone is a danger mark, as the Canadian Bank of Commerce does not have cashiers listed as officials of their institution. Furthermore the word "guarantee" is misspelled, it appearing on the certification stamp as "Guaranteed." We are unable to supply the description of this operator.

John J. Ward
L. M. Packard

Mail Box Thief Working

HERBERT A. WATZLER, alias John S. Brown, alias Teddy Brown. (1726), is operating in Boston, Mass., and vicinity with checks stolen from hall letter boxes. Whenever possible the operator has erased the original payee's name by use of acid and has inserted the alias of Herbert A. Watzler. After altering the check and failing to have it honored at the first attempt, due to lack of identification, he forges the supposed "O.K." signature of a prominent resident or customer of the bank and experiences little difficulty in obtaining the funds called for on the face of the check. The best description available is about 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, fairly large nose, well dressed, brown coat, soft hat.

T. C. WEBSTER (1727), posing as a representative of the Ardmore Poster Advertising Company, has been traveling about the state of Oklahoma, leaving numerous victims, who, knowing the advertising concern in question, did not hesitate in advancing funds on checks presented to them. These checks have been returned bearing forged signatures of officials of the concern. Webster is described as 32 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches tall, 125 to 130 pounds, bad teeth, pimply face, very active talker and evidently knows the advertising business.

DON WELCH (1728) by using a check drawn on an out of town bank was successful in securing a small sum from a Glendale, Cal., bank. The reason that this individual was successful in his attack was that he was recognized as an employee of a very well known motor car company. The operator is described as 24 years of age, 5 feet

8 inches tall, 140 pounds, light complexion, light hair, blue eyes, stoop-shouldered, very large feet.

WILLIAM WHITE, alias Henry Smith (colored) (1729), endeavored to defraud Pennsylvania banks through a rather clever scheme. He engaged the services of an attorney and had a deed drawn up conveying a parcel of land situated in Galveston, Tex., to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company for the sum of \$4,090. He then went to the banks and asked to have a draft drawn with the deed attached against the First National Bank of Galveston. Later White attempted to secure advances against the drafts by bringing into the banks forms for telegraphing money orders to be transferred to his sister in New York. The banks used good judgment and refused to advance cash against uncollectible funds. White is described as a chocolate brown negro, 55 years of age, 6 feet tall; his nose is very broad at the base.

A Los Angeles, Calif., bank recently suffered a loss on forgeries committed by a suspect whose description is given as follows: Age, 25; height, 6 feet; weight, 160 lbs.; smooth face, thin and long; and gray eyes. The names used by the operator were FRED WILSON (1730) alias James Garwood.

Fred Wilson
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ARRESTS

Forgers

BAILEY, M. D.—Arrested March 9 at San Francisco. Held in the city jail.
BAKER, EARL J.—Arrested April 18 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
BEDFORD, WELLINGTON M., DR.—Arrested April 16 at Vancouver, B. C. Held in the county jail.
BUYS, J. L.—Arrested May 14 at Tonopah, Nev. Held in the county jail.
CLAWSON, CHARLES—Arrested in Oregon.
CRAMER, PAUL GLENN—Arrested at Chickasha, Tex., April 28. Held in the county jail.
CRAWFORD, H. L.—Arrested April 24 at Houston. Held in the county jail.
CULLEN, EARL M.—Arrested April 28 at Springfield, Ore. Held in the county jail.
DURKIN, ROY, alias Lee Lynn, alias Roy Webster—Arrested April 16 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
ELMORE, JOHN W.—Arrested April 25 at Pittsburgh. Held in the city jail.
FRANKLIN, J. M., alias Mark Franklin—Arrested April 16 at Boston, Mass. Held in the city jail.
GLOBENFELD, MRS. BESSIE—Arrested April 27 at Sacramento. Held in the county jail.

GOODNEY, JOSEPH—Arrested May 5 at Detroit. Held in the city jail.
HOOD, E. H., Alias R. E. Vaughn—Arrested April 18 at Selma, Ala., returned to Atlanta. Held in the county jail.
JAMES, J. C.—Arrested April 18 at Salt Lake City, Utah. Held in the county jail.
JONES, BOYD—Arrested April 21 at Clarksville, N. C. Held in the county jail.
JULIANO, MARGARET—Arrested May 18 at New York. Held in the city jail.
KIMLER, WALTER—Arrested May 5 at Detroit. Held in the city jail.
LORES, JAMES—Arrested May 15 at Kansas City, Mo. Held in the city jail.
MARTIN, HENRY, alias William J. Speckerman—Arrested April 20 at Hope-ton, Cal. Held in the county jail.
McCARTHY, THOMAS J.—Arrested May 15 at New York. Held in the city jail.
MEALY, LEONA—Arrested April 16 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
PARKER, HELEN—Arrested May 5 at Detroit. Held in the city jail.
SAUNDERS, FRANK—Arrested at Louisville. Held in the county jail.
SMITH, ROSE ELLEN—Arrested April 30 at St. Louis, held in the city jail.
STANTON, ROBERT E.—Arrested April 17 at Los Angeles. Held in the city jail.
THOMAS, E. R.—alias R. W. Kniss, arrested at Milwaukee.
WALKER, CHARLES—Arrested May 5 at Detroit. Held in the city jail.

Burglars

BIRD, HORACE—Arrested at San Antonio, Tex. Held in the county jail.
DUREE, JEFF—Arrested May 8 at Phoenix, Ariz. Held in the county jail.
GRUBB, JOHN—Arrested May 9 at Sapulpa, Okla. Held in the county jail.
HARDIN, JOHN B.—Arrested at San Antonio. Held in the county jail.
JENKINS, EDDIE—Arrested April 14 at Winfield, Kan. Held in the county jail.
MADDOX, LEO—Arrested April 8 at Turlock, Cal. Held in the county jail.
TERRELL, ROY—Re-arrested April 20 at Denning, N. M. Held in the county jail.
WHITE, FRED L.—Arrested at San Antonio, Tex. Held in the county jail.

Hold-Ups

COLLETTA, JOE—Arrested April 15 at Kansas City, Mo. Held in the county jail.
CULLEN, FREDDIE—Re-arrested April 29 at Madison, Ill. Held in the county jail.
EDWARDS, PHILLIP—Arrested May 13 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
FERNEKES, HENRY J.—Arrested April 26 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
FILILOWSKI, LEO—Arrested April 21 at Chicago. Held in the city jail.
McCOURTIE, FRANK—Re-arrested at St. Louis, Mo. Held in the county jail.

